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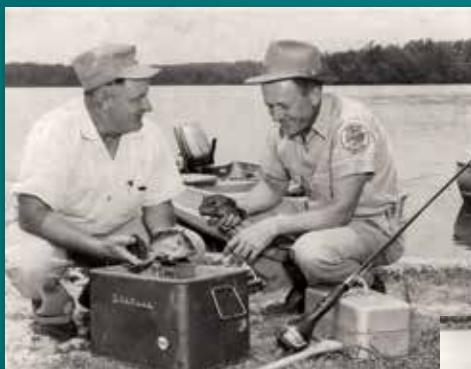
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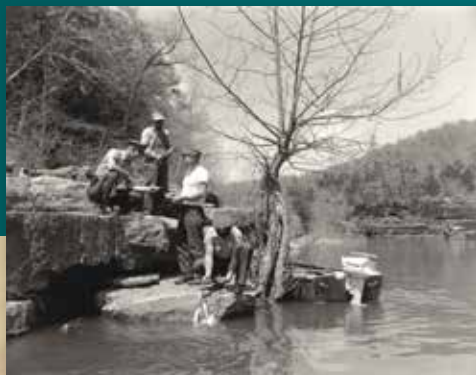
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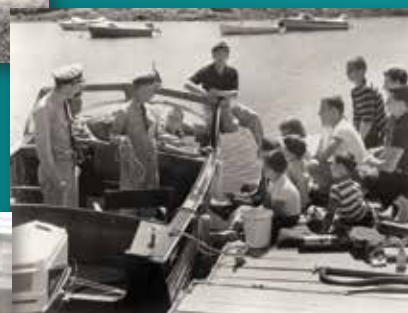
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Stocking trout



Officers checking creel



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Boating education



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WHAT'S NEW FOR 2015-16

Statewide

- **Alabama bass** is an illegally-introduced species that is very similar in appearance to Tennessee's native spotted bass. Alabama and spotted bass will have the same length limits and be counted in combination toward daily creel limits. See page 12 for information about Alabama bass.
- **Shadow bass** was added to the list of game fish species. Shadow bass is a native species that is very similar in appearance to rock bass. In Tennessee, shadow bass are only found in the Conasauga River watershed. The creel limit for shadow and rock bass in combination will be 20 fish per day with no length limit.
- **Sabiki or piscatore rigs** with more than three hooks may only be used to fish for shad and herring. Other species must be released.

Region I:

- **Carroll County Lake: Largemouth Bass** – 14- to 18-inch protected length range (slot limit), creel limit 5 bass per day, only one bass over 18 inches may be harvested.
- **John Tully WMA:** closed year-round to all sportfish methods for taking turtles.

Region III:

- **East Fork Obey River arm of Dale Hollow Reservoir (Compton Boat Ramp upstream to Hwy 52 Bridge):** anglers are restricted to the use of one hook having a single point or one lure having no more than one hook with a single point (artificial or bait) during the period from Jan 1 through Apr 15. During this period, harvest of walleye is limited to 5 fish per day with a 16-inch minimum length limit, and only one walleye over 20 inches may be harvested.

- **Tellico River:** Boundaries of the Delayed Harvest Area have been moved. New boundaries are the mouth of North River upstream to the Tennessee/North Carolina state line. Boundaries of the Permit Area (Mar 15 through Sept 15) have not changed.
- **Green Cove Pond:** Use of boats is prohibited. Fishing is limited to handicapped individuals, children under age 13, adults 65 years of age and older and those using the following license types: Type 197 Sport Fishing License for the Blind, Type 189 Wheelchair Hunting and Fishing, Type 198 DAV Hunting and Fishing, Type 199 Mentally Challenged and Type 169 Intellectual Disability Hunting and Fishing.

Region IV:

- **Dillard Ponds (Cherokee National Forest, Greene County):** This is a new trout stocking site. Trout creel limit is 4 trout per day. Each angler is limited to only one rod or pole. Fishing is permitted from one half-hour before official sunrise to one half-hour after official sunset.
- **Cove Lake State Park:** closed year-round to all sportfish methods for taking turtles.
- **Douglas Lake: Smallmouth Bass** – Jun 15 through Oct 15: 20-inch minimum length limit, only one smallmouth bass in a daily creel limit of 5 bass (in combination with largemouth and spotted bass). October 16 through June 14: 18-inch minimum length, 5 bass creel limit (in combination).

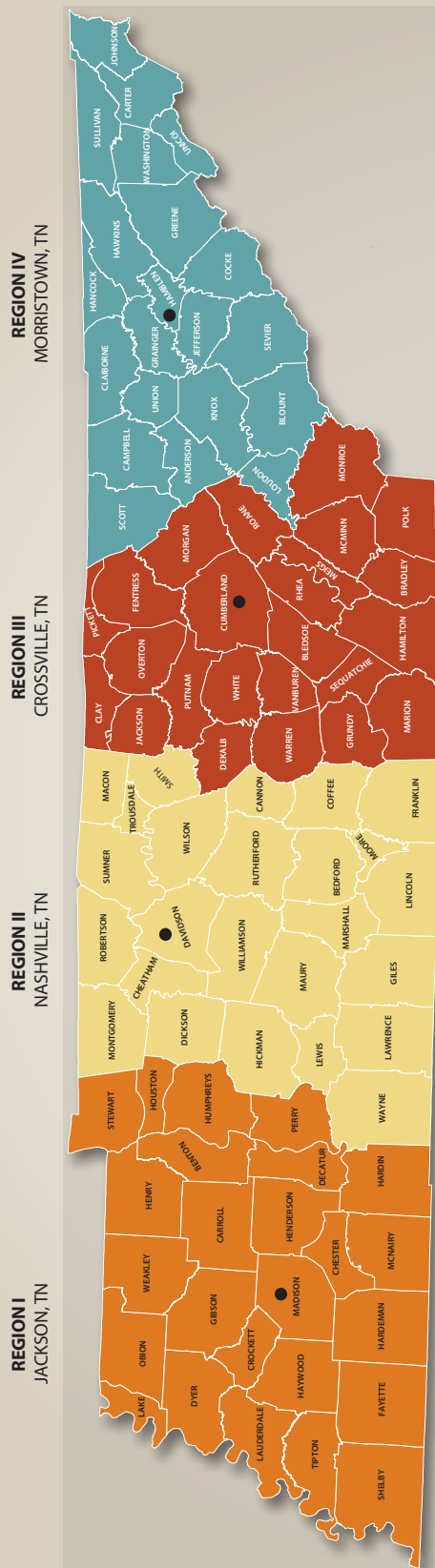


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Region IV 1-800-831-1174



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LICENSE INFORMATION

Prices subject to change approximately July 1, 2015. Go to www.tnwildlife.org for current pricing.

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Fishing licenses go on sale February 18 each year and are valid through the last day of February of the following year. Most license types may be purchased at License Agents located at some County Clerk offices, sporting good stores, hardware stores and boat docks. All licenses can be purchased at TWRA regional offices. Also, many licenses can be purchased remotely using four methods:

Online: Log on to www.tnwildlife.org and click on the link, "Buy a license online." Regular license fees plus a processing fee will be charged to your credit card. Processing fee is \$3.00 if you print it, or \$4.25 if it is mailed to you.

Mobile App: Visit gotwra.org to download the free app. It can be used to purchase most license types. Processing fee is \$3.00.

By phone: Call 1-888-814-8972. An authorization number will allow you to begin fishing or hunting the minute you hang up. Regular license fees plus a processing fee will be charged to your credit card. Processing fee is \$6.25, or \$7.50 if license needs to be mailed to you.
Hours: Mon – Sat; Mar – Nov, 6 a.m. – 8 p.m.;
Dec – Feb, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

U.S. Mail: Send your name, address (including zip code), social security number, date of birth, physical features (height, weight, eye and hair color), and enclose the correct fee to:
TWRA Sales Office, P.O. Box 41729, Nashville, TN 37204-1729.

All license and permit fees are subject to change.

All expire at midnight of last effective date.

Great Smoky Mountains National Park

A valid fishing license obtained from the state of Tennessee or the state of North Carolina is required and honored throughout the park for all persons 13 years of age and older. A Tennessee trout license is not required. The National Park Service sets fishing regulations within the park. For detailed fishing information, contact:

Park Headquarters
Gatlinburg, TN 37738
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Misplace Your License?

If you misplace your fishing license, go to any license agent and ask for a duplicate license.

There is a \$7.00 replacement fee (\$6.00 goes to the TWRA; \$1.00 to the agent).

Resident Licenses

Resident licenses can be purchased by:

- Persons who possess a valid Tennessee driver's license, or Tennessee state ID issued by the Department of Safety. Tennessee state law requires drivers to obtain a Tennessee driver's license within 30 days of residency. Out-of-state driver's license only accepted for military personnel and students meeting the criteria below.
- Persons who have lived in Tennessee for 90 consecutive days with the genuine intent of making Tennessee their permanent home. Proof of residency required.
- Military personnel on active duty in this state and their immediate families, who reside with them, regardless of resident status.
- Students who are enrolled in a Tennessee school, college, or university for at least six months, with student ID.

Ages 12 and under, no license required. Permits may be required.

NOTE: A Social Security Number is required to purchase a Tennessee hunting or fishing license.

Annual Hunting and Fishing Combination (Type 001) ages 16–64 **\$28**

Minimum license required to fish and/or hunt small game.

Junior Hunt/Fish/Trap (Type 002) ages 13–15 **\$8**

Required for hunting all game, fishing, and trapping. Must be purchased prior to 16th birthday. No supplemental licenses are required, but applicable permits are required.

One-Day Fishing (Type 021) no trout; ages 13–64 **\$5.50**

One-Day Fishing All Fish (Type 023) includes trout; ages 16–64 **\$11**

Annual Trout (Type 022) ages 16–64 **\$18**

Type 022 is a supplemental license required to fish for trout in addition to Type 001, 020, or 021.

Annual Sportsman (Type 004) ages 16–64 **\$136**

An all-inclusive license valid for hunting, trapping, and sport fishing without any state supplemental licenses or permits. Sportsman licenses can be purchased from all license agents.

Annual Hunt/Fish Disabled Under Age 18 (Type 168) **\$5**

Available by application only.

County of Residence Fishing (Type 020) ages 13 and over **\$9**

This license allows an angler to fish in his/her county of residence with natural bait (worms, crickets, corn, etc.), but not minnows. No artificial baits can be used. A supplemental license (Type 022) is required to fish for trout.

South Holston Reservoir (Type 063) ages 13 and over **\$21**

This additional license allows licensed TN resident anglers to fish the VA portion of South Holston Reservoir. This is essentially a VA license sold by TWRA, therefore all license holders, including the sportsman's license types, would need to purchase this additional license if fishing in VA.

Permanent Senior Citizen Hunt/Fish/Trap (Type 166) ages 65 and over **\$11**

Available from any license agent for a one-time fee, and valid as long as holder remains a resident of Tennessee. This is not a Lifetime Sportsman License. Additional permits may be required. Can only be purchased when 65th birthday is reached. A valid Tennessee driver's license or proof of age and residency is required. A trout license is not required.

Annual Senior Citizen Supplement (Type 167) ages 65 and over **\$41**

May be purchased as a supplement to Type 166 to cover all permits needed in the current license year.

Lifetime Sportsman age determines the cost

An all-inclusive lifetime license valid for hunting, trapping and sport fishing without any Tennessee supplemental licenses or permits. Allows holders to apply for quota permits at no additional fee. Applications are available at your local TWRA office and tnwildlife.org. Applications may only be submitted by mail, Fax (615-837-4262) or TWRA offices.

Type 401 (Under 3 years) **\$200**

Type 406 (Ages 3–6) **\$540**

Type 402 (Ages 7–12) **\$810**

Type 403 (Ages 13–50) **\$1,620**

Type 404 (Ages 51–64) **\$945**

Type 405 (Ages 65 & over) **\$270**

Nonresident Licenses

Ages 12 and under, no license required.

Junior Hunt/Fish (Type 070) (Required for nonresidents age 13–15 fishing and small game only.)	\$9
One-Day Fishing (Type 082)—no trout	\$8
Three-Day Fishing (Type 077)—no trout	\$16.50
Ten-Day Fishing (Type 079)—no trout	\$25.50
Annual Fishing (Type 076)—no trout	\$41
One-Day All Fish (Type 083)—includes trout	\$16
Three-Day All Fish (Type 078)—includes trout	\$33.50
Ten-Day All Fish (Type 080)—includes trout	\$50.50
Annual All Fish (Type 081)—includes trout	\$81

Special Permits (Resident and Nonresident)

If you purchase one of the following special permits, you must also have all applicable licenses. Holders of Annual Sportsman's License (Type 004), Lifetime Sportsman's License (Types 401–406) or Annual Senior Citizen Permit (Type 167) do not need to purchase permits below

Reelfoot Lake Permit is required for all users except: those under 16 years of age; residents 65 years or older.	
Reelfoot Preservation Permit—Annual (Type 089)	\$17
Reelfoot Preservation Permit—Three-Day (Type 088)	\$10.50
Reelfoot Preservation Permit—Daily (Type 090)	\$3.50
Tellico-Citico Permit is required seasonally to fish Tellico River, Citico Creek and year-round on Green Cove Pond. See page 32 for details.	
Tellico-Citico Trout—Daily (Type 098); Required for all ages. See page 32.	\$5.50
Agency Lake Permits are required to fish Agency Fishing Lakes (pages 24–25), except those under 16 years of age and residents 65 years or older.	
Agency Lake—Daily Permit (Type 191) Valid on all Agency lakes, this permit is sold at Agency Lake offices.	\$5
Agency Lake—Annual Permit (Type 193) Valid on all Agency lakes, this permit is sold at Agency Lake offices & TWRA Nashville office.	\$40
Bedford Lake—Daily Permit (Type 65) Available at nearby license agents only.	\$5.50
Gatlinburg Trout Fishing – For information on fishing in the Gatlinburg area, contact the Gatlinburg Chamber of Commerce, 1-800-568-4748 or the Gatlinburg trout facility at 865-436-4558.	
Gatlinburg Three-Day Trout Permit (Type 096) Required for both residents and nonresident ages 13–64 in addition to the appropriate fishing licenses except for those who purchase the (Type 097) permit.	\$9.50
Gatlinburg One-Day Trout Permit (Type 097) Only requirement for residents and nonresidents ages 13 and up to fish in Gatlinburg for one day.	\$11.50
Gatlinburg Trout—Daily (Type 099) Required for both residents and nonresident ages 13–64 in addition to the appropriate fishing licenses except for those who purchase the (Type 097) permit.	\$3.50

Resident Permanent Licenses

The following licenses are available only by application from the TWRA Sales Office located in Nashville. Applications are available at regional offices and online. A doctor's statement will be required as defined on the application. Licenses are available for a one-time fee and are valid as long as holder remains a resident of Tennessee. They are not Lifetime Sportsman Licenses. Additional permits may be required. A trout license is not required

Sport Fishing License for the Blind (Type 197)	\$10
Wheelchair Hunting and Fishing (Type 189)	\$10
Application must be accompanied by a doctor's statement stating that the applicant is permanently confined to a wheelchair.	
DAV Hunting and Fishing (Type 198)	\$10
Available to resident veterans certified by the VA as 30 percent disabled by reason of war service or 100% service connected.	
Mentally Challenged (Type 199)	\$10
Must be receiving SSI Benefits due to cognitive impairment.	
Intellectual Disability Hunting and Fishing (Type 169)	\$10

Who must have a Tennessee license?

If you take, or attempt to take fish (including crayfish) by any method or if you assist someone else to do so, you must have a valid fishing license. **There are some exceptions:**

- If you are under 13 years of age (resident or nonresident).
- Landowners, their spouses and children, who fish on their farm land which is owned by an individual or a family. Landowners, their spouses and children must be residents of Tennessee but need not reside on the land.
- Tenants, their spouses and dependent children who fish on farm land owned by an individual or a family. Tenants, their spouses and dependent children must be residents of Tennessee and must actually reside on the land and have permission of the landowner to fish. A tenant is a person who, for money, free rent, or other consideration, cares for farmland. The tenancy must be agricultural in nature.
- Resident grandchildren (under 16) and resident great-grandchildren (under 16) who fish on farm land which is owned by their resident grandparents or great-grandparents.
- First cousins who own farmland jointly or in common may fish on the farmland. Their children may fish as well.
- You are on military leave, carrying a copy of your leave orders. A pass does not meet this requirement.
- You are a resident who was born before March 1, 1926. (To qualify for this exemption, you must carry proof of your age and residency to show to a wildlife officer, if requested.)
- **It's Free Fishing Day!** This year it falls on June 6 (see page 15).
- **It's Free Fishing Week!** All children, ages 15 and younger, can fish free between June 6–12 inclusive (see page 15).

NOTE: Giving false information to obtain a license is a misdemeanor punishable by fine and loss of license. Licenses are not transferable.



STATEWIDE LIMITS & REGULATIONS



When hiking, fishing, camping, etc., your presence in nature leaves an impact on our natural resources. A group of concerned citizens in East Tennessee are working to minimize the impact on their greatest natural resource, Norris Lake.

The member-driven Leave No Trace Center for Outdoor Ethics teaches people of all ages how to enjoy the outdoors responsibly, and is the most widely accepted outdoor ethics program used in public lands. Through relevant and targeted education, research and outreach, the Center ensures the longterm health of our natural world. Leave No Trace is about making good decisions to protect the world around you, the world we all enjoy.

The Leave No Trace Center has identified seven principles:

- Plan Ahead and Prepare*
- Travel and Camp on Durable Surfaces*
- Dispose of Waste Properly*
- Leave what you find*
- Minimize Campfire Impacts*
- Respect Wildlife*
- Be Considerate of Other Visitors*

For more info about the Leave No Trace Principle:

ph: 800-332-4100
web: www.LNT.org

For more info about the Norris Lake Stakeholders, their cleanup and other current projects:

ph: 800-524-3602
web: www.lakenorris.org



Statewide Creel and Length Limits

The following are the creel and size limits that apply statewide. Several waters have exceptions to these limits. Refer to the pages listed in red at the bottom of this page to see exceptions to the statewide regulations. If you are fishing a location that does not have exceptions listed in this guide, then the statewide limits apply.

Species	Creel Limit	Minimum Length Limit
Black Bass (includes Largemouth, Smallmouth, Spotted, Alabama and Coosa)	5 No more than 5 black bass per day in any combination may be taken	none
Crappie (all species combined)	15	10 inches
Region I Crappie Exception: unless otherwise noted for specific waters	30	none
Rock Bass or Redeye and Shadow Bass (all species combined)	20	none
Striped Bass or Hybrid Striped Bass (any combination)	2	15 inches
White Bass	15	none
Muskellunge	1	36 inches
Sauger or Sauger/Walleye hybrids	10	15 inches
Walleye	5	16 inches
Trout (all trout species combined)	7	none
Lake Trout	Only 2 trout may be lake trout	—
Redear Sunfish or Shellcracker	20	none
Yellow Bass, Bluegill, Warmouth, Bream, Bullheads, Pickerel, Northern Pike, Yellow Perch, nongame species	no limit	none
Skipjack Herring	100	none
Alligator Gar: No harvest allowed. Must be returned to water immediately.		
Catfish: Only one catfish over 34 inches may be harvested per day. No harvest limit on catfish less than 34 inches.		
Paddlefish: Paddlefish may be harvested from April 24 through May 31. Daily creel limit is 2 fish per day with no size limit. Culling is prohibited. For exceptions on Center Hill and Cherokee reservoirs, see pages 17 and 19.		
Sturgeon (Shovelnose, Pallid, Lake, and Hybrids): No harvest allowed. Must be returned to water immediately.		

EXCEPTIONS TO THE STATEWIDE LIMITS and OTHER REGULATIONS:

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TWRA Fishing Lakes	pages 24–25
Small Impoundments	page 26
State Park Lakes	page 26
Streams and Rivers	pages 28–29
Trout Fisheries	pages 30–33

Measuring a Fish's Length

Lay the fish on a flat ruler, close the mouth, and squeeze the lobes of the tail fin to produce the maximum length. The mouth of the fish may not be manipulated or extended.



TWRA's goal is to manage each species of fish with statewide creel and length limits where possible. However, many waters, because of their unique characteristics, require individual creel and length limits. These regulations improve fishing for all anglers.

Minimum Length Limits restrict the harvest of fish below a specified minimum length. For example, a 15-inch minimum length limit allows the angler to keep fish 15 inches or greater. Fish less than 15 inches cannot be harvested. In waters where length restrictions are in place, anglers may not be able to harvest quite as many fish, but they will enjoy catching more fish—as many as two to three times more.

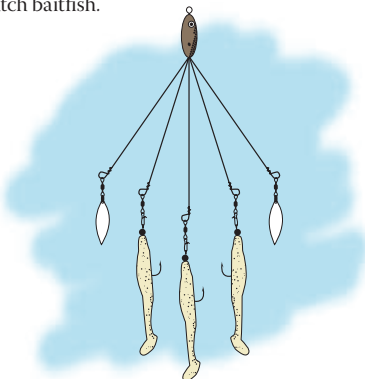
Slot Limits or Protected Length Ranges (PLRs) allow anglers to harvest fish above and below a specified length range. For example, a 14–18" PLR protects fish in the 14- to 18-inch length group. Anglers may harvest fish that measure less than 14 inches and they may harvest fish that measure over 18 inches. For a protected length range to be effective, anglers must harvest fish below the protected range.

Possession Limits: The total possession limit is twice the daily creel limit. You may not have more than the daily creel limit with you while afield. It is unlawful to have, while afield, any fish which has been altered so that its species and/or total body length cannot be determined.

Pole or Rod Limit: There is no limit on the number of poles, except at Center Hill and Dale Hollow Reservoirs (pages 17 and 18).

Statewide Hook Restriction

Unless otherwise restricted in this proclamation, anglers are restricted to a maximum of 3 hooks per rod, pole or hand-held line. Single, double or treble hooks each count as one hook. The statewide hook restriction does not apply when using a sabiki rig (also known as piscatore rig) to take shad or herring. A sabiki rig is a set of small lures attached to a single line typically used to catch baitfish.



Example of a legal multi-arm array with three hooks.

Banned In Tennessee

It is unlawful to possess or transport live specimens of the following animals:

- **Silver Carp**
(*Hypophthalmichthys molitrix*)
- **Bighead Carp**
(*Hypophthalmichthys nobilis*)
- **Black Carp**
(*Hypophthalmichthys piceus*)
- **Blueback Herring**
(*Alosa aestivalis*)
- **New Zealand Mud Snail**
(*Potamopyrgus antipodarum*)
- **Round Goby**
(*Neogobius melanostomus*)
- **Rudd**
(*Scardinius erythrophthalmus*)
- **Ruffe**
(*Gymnocephalus cernua*)
- **Snakeheads**
(all members of the Family Channidae)
- **Swamp eels**
(all members of the Family Synbranchidae)
- **Zebra Mussel**
(*Dreissena polymorpha*)

For area information www.dalehollowlake.org

Whether it be big game or small, by rifle or arrow, Clay County, Tennessee offers a veritable treasure of prime and private hunting lands. The county hosts a significant portion of the Army Corps of Engineer's Dale Hollow Lake complex, which opens most of its public land to hunting. This is complemented by numerous private farms and other grounds that permit hunting.



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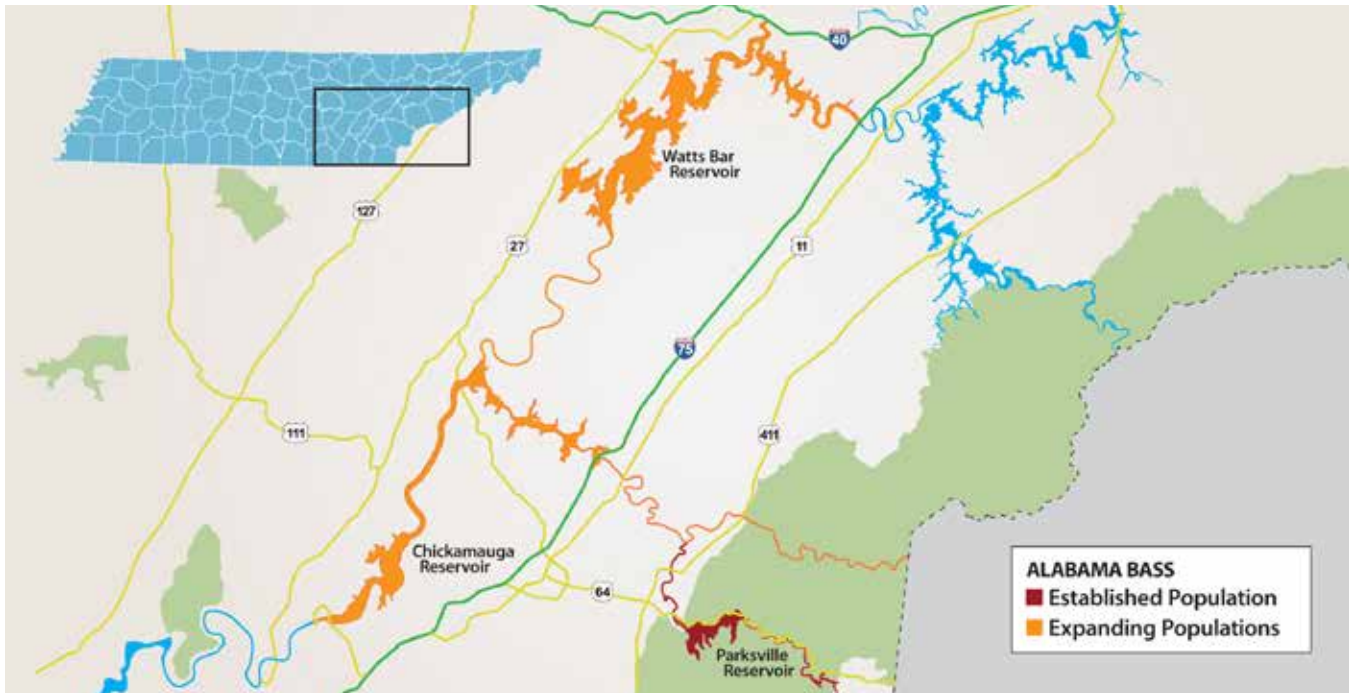
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ALABAMA BASS IN TENNESSEE



Once a sub-species of spotted bass. Alabama bass (*Micropterus henshallii*) is now a formally recognized species. The species is native to the Coosa River drainage of Georgia and Alabama, and not native to the Tennessee River drainage. In the last decade these fish have been illegally stocked into lakes in North Carolina and Georgia and have made their way to Tennessee reservoirs. It is possible that these fish passed through upstream dams in North Carolina or they were illegally stocked in Tennessee. Alabama bass have been observed in Parkville, Chickamauga and Watts Bar reservoirs, and these fish may be here to stay.

Recent genetic analyses have confirmed that the Alabama bass have taken over Parkville Reservoir, resulting in the collapse of largemouth and smallmouth bass fishing. Unlike the spotted bass that are native to the Tennessee River, Alabama bass can outcompete largemouth and smallmouth bass in a short period of time. Mike Jolley, TWRA Reservoir Manager, reported that spotted bass, now known to be non-native Alabama bass, represent 60% of the bass surveyed in Parkville Lake, compared to just 1% in 2001. Similar take-overs have been documented by biologists in North Carolina and Georgia.

Some anglers are enjoying the unique fishery at Parkville Lake, but this should not be considered an endorsement of the species in Tennessee. The presence of these fish in Parkville Lake puts downstream lakes at risk. It is now a source for migrating fish and unsanctioned stockings. There are no expected benefits to having these fish elsewhere in Tennessee. While they can grow slightly larger than spotted bass, they have far less trophy potential than smallmouth and largemouth bass. Their negative impacts on other bass species are well known, and under the right conditions they could cause problems for other popular species. Tennessee anglers have abided by numerous regulations to promote quality fishing across the state. Think about your trophy largemouth bass fishery on Chickamauga Lake or smallmouth bass on Dale Hollow Lake. It would be tragic to lose these fisheries to an unwanted species. TWRA wants your help to prevent the spread of these fish — do not move any bass between lakes. Thank you!



Electrofishing Parkville Lake

Alabama Bass (*Micropterus henshallii*)



Spotted Bass (*Micropterus punctatus*)



Alabama bass are very similar to spotted bass in appearance. There are no easy keys to tell them apart. TWRA biologists use genetic testing to confirm species identification.

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FREE Fishing Day June 6, 2015

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Saturday, June 6 is Free Fishing Day in Tennessee and anyone (resident or nonresident) of any age may fish free without a license in Tennessee's public waters! Even better, if you are 15 years old or younger, you may fish free the entire week, beginning on Free Fishing Day, June 6, and running through the following Friday, June 12.

This day and week are annual events in Tennessee and are great opportunities to introduce children to the joys and excitement of a day on the water catching fish! Not only is fishing a great family activity, it helps make us more aware of our natural environment.

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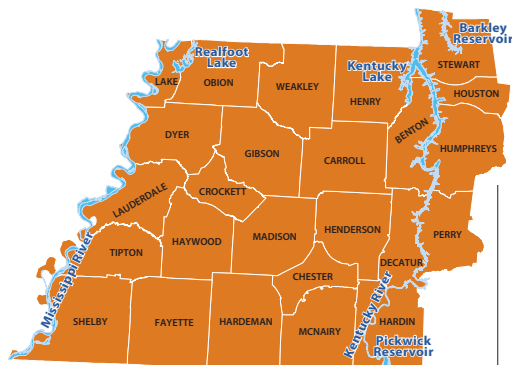
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RESERVOIR REGULATIONS

Full pool elevation is the reservoir/stream boundary for harvest restrictions unless otherwise noted.

Statewide regulations apply for any species not mentioned under each listed reservoir section.



REGION I

Barkley

Includes the following dewatering areas—Barkley Unit 1 (also known as Dover Bottoms) and Bear Creek WMA. The dewatering areas are closed to fishing 5 days prior to and during the late waterfowl season.

Largemouth/Smallmouth/Spotted Bass: 5 per day in combination.

Largemouth Bass: 15-inch minimum length limit.

Smallmouth Bass: 18-inch minimum length limit.

Spotted Bass: no length limit.

Crappie (all species): 30 per day in combination, 10-inch minimum length limit.

Catfish (all species): no harvest limit for fish under 34 inches in length; only one fish over 34 inches in length may be harvested per day.

Striped Bass or Hybrid Striped Bass: 2 per day in combination, 15-inch minimum length limit.

White Bass: 15 per day, no length limit.

Yellow Bass: no creel or length limit.

Walleye: 5 per day, 16-inch minimum length limit.

Sauger: 10 per day, 15-inch minimum length limit.

Paddlefish: 2 per day; season is open from Apr 24 - May 31. Culling is prohibited.

Redear Sunfish: 20 per day, no length limit.

Bluegill/Warmouth and other sunfishes: no creel or length limit.

Kentucky Lake

Includes the following dewatering areas—West Sandy, Big Sandy, Gin Creek, Camden Bottoms, Duck River Bottoms, Busseltown, Perryville, and Gumdale. The dewatering areas are closed to fishing 5 days prior to and during the late waterfowl season.

Largemouth/Smallmouth/Spotted Bass: 5 per day in combination.

Largemouth Bass: 15-inch minimum length limit.

Smallmouth Bass: 15-inch minimum length limit.

Spotted Bass: no length limit.

Crappie (all species): 30 per day in combination, 10-inch minimum length limit—this includes all dewatering areas.

Catfish (all species): no harvest limit for fish under 34 inches in length; only one fish over 34 inches in length may be harvested per day.

Striped Bass or Hybrid Striped Bass: 2 per day in combination, 15-inch minimum length limit.

White Bass: 15 per day, no length limit.

Yellow Bass: no creel or length limit.

Walleye: 5 per day, 16-inch minimum length limit.

Sauger: 10 per day, 15-inch minimum length limit.

Paddlefish: 2 per day; season is open from Apr 24 - May 31. Culling is prohibited.

Redear Sunfish: 20 per day, no length limit.

Bluegill/Warmouth and other sunfishes: no creel or length limit.

Pickwick

Largemouth/Smallmouth/Spotted Bass: 5 per day in combination.

Largemouth Bass: 15-inch minimum length limit.

Smallmouth Bass: 15-inch minimum length limit.

Spotted Bass: no length limit.

Crappie (all species): 30 per day in combination, 9-inch minimum length limit.

Catfish (all species): no harvest limit for fish under 34 inches in length; only one fish over 34 inches in length may be harvested per day.

Striped Bass or Hybrid Striped Bass: 2 per day in combination, 15-inch minimum length limit.

White Bass: 15 per day, no length limit.

Yellow Bass: no creel or length limit.

Walleye: 5 per day, 16-inch minimum length limit.

Sauger: 10 per day, 15-inch minimum length limit.

Paddlefish: 2 per day; season is open from Apr 24 - May 31. Culling is prohibited.

Redear Sunfish: 20 per day, no length limit.

Bluegill/Warmouth and other sunfishes: no creel or length limit.

Reelfoot

Preservation Permit required for lake users except those under 16 years of age and residents 65 years or older. The use of gasoline powered boats is prohibited in TWRA posted areas Apr 1 - May 31.

Largemouth/Spotted Bass: 5 per day in combination

Largemouth Bass: 15-inch minimum length limit.

Spotted Bass: no length limit.

Crappie (all species): 30 per day in combination, no length limit.

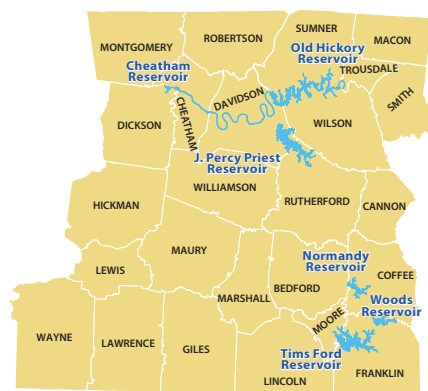
Catfish (all species): no harvest limit for fish under 34 inches in length; only one fish over 34 inches in length may be harvested per day.

Yellow Bass: no creel or length limit.

Paddlefish: 2 per day; season is open from Apr 24 - May 31. Culling is prohibited.

Redear Sunfish: 20 per day, no length limit.

Bluegill/Warmouth and other sunfishes: no creel or length limit.



REGION II

Barkley Lake

See Region 1, this page.

Cheatham

Includes Stones River up to J. Percy Priest Dam.

Largemouth/Smallmouth/Spotted Bass: 5 per day in combination.

Largemouth Bass: 14-inch minimum length limit.

Smallmouth Bass: 18-inch minimum length limit.

Spotted Bass: no length limit.

Crappie (all species): 30 per day in combination, 10-inch minimum length limit.

Catfish (all species): no harvest limit for fish under 34 inches in length; only one fish over 34 inches in length may be harvested per day.

Striped Bass or Hybrid Striped Bass: 2 per day in combination, 15-inch minimum length limit.

White Bass: 15 per day, no length limit.

Yellow Bass: no creel or length limit.

Walleye: 5 per day, 16-inch minimum length limit.

Sauger: 10 per day, 15-inch minimum length limit.

Paddlefish: 2 per day; season is open from Apr 24 - May 31. Culling is prohibited.

Rock Bass: 20 per day, no length limit.

Redear Sunfish: 20 per day, no length limit.

Bluegill/Warmouth and other sunfishes: no creel or length limit.

Cordell Hull

See page 18.

Normandy

Largemouth/Smallmouth/Spotted Bass: 5 per day in combination.

Largemouth Bass: 15-inch minimum length limit.

Smallmouth Bass: 18-inch minimum length limit.

Spotted Bass: no length limit.

Crappie (all species): 15 per day in combination, 10-inch minimum length limit.

Catfish (all species): no harvest limit for fish under 34 inches in length; only one fish over 34 inches in length may be harvested per day.

White Bass: 15 per day, no length limit.

Walleye: 5 per day, 16-inch minimum length limit.

Rock Bass: 20 per day, no length limit.

Redear Sunfish: 20 per day, no length limit.

Bluegill/Warmouth and other sunfishes: no creel or length limit.

Old Hickory

Largemouth/Smallmouth/Spotted Bass: 5 per day in combination.

Largemouth Bass: 14-inch minimum length limit.

Smallmouth Bass: 18-inch minimum length limit.

Spotted Bass: no length limit.

Crappie (all species): 30 per day in combination, 10 inch minimum length limit.

Catfish (all species): no harvest limit for fish under 34 inches in length; only one fish over 34 inches in length may be harvested per day.

Striped Bass or Hybrid Striped Bass: 2 per day in combination, 15-inch minimum length limit.

White Bass: 15 per day, no length limit.

Yellow Bass: no creel or length limit.

Walleye: 5 per day, 16-inch minimum length limit.

Sauger: 10 per day, 15-inch minimum length limit.

Paddlefish: 2 per day; season is open from Apr 24 - May 31. Culling is prohibited.

Rock Bass: 20 per day, no length limit.

Redear Sunfish: 20 per day, no length limit.

Bluegill/Warmouth and other sunfishes: no creel or length limit.

Percy Priest

Largemouth/Smallmouth/Spotted Bass: 5 per day in combination.

Largemouth Bass: 15-inch minimum length limit.

Smallmouth Bass: 18-inch minimum length limit.

Spotted Bass: no length limit.

Crappie (all species): 30 per day in combination, 10 inch minimum length limit.

Catfish (all species): no harvest limit for fish under 34 inches in length; only one fish over 34 inches in length may be harvested per day.

Striped Bass or Hybrid Striped Bass: 2 per day in combination, 15-inch minimum length limit.

White Bass: 15 per day, no length limit.

Yellow Bass: no creel or length limit.

Rock Bass: 20 per day, no length limit.

Redear Sunfish: 20 per day, no length limit.

Bluegill/Warmouth and other sunfishes: no creel or length limit.

Tims Ford

Largemouth/Smallmouth/Spotted Bass: 5 per day in combination.

Largemouth Bass: 15-inch minimum length limit.

Smallmouth Bass: 18-inch minimum length limit.

Spotted Bass: no length limit.

Crappie (all species): 15 per day in combination, 10-inch minimum length limit.

Catfish (all species): no harvest limit for fish under 34 inches in length; only one fish over 34 inches in length may be harvested per day.

Striped Bass or Hybrid Striped Bass: 2 per day in combination, 15-inch minimum length limit.

White Bass: 15 per day, no length limit.

Yellow Bass: no creel or length limit.

Walleye: 5 per day, 16-inch minimum length limit.

Rock Bass: 20 per day, no length limit.

Redear Sunfish: 20 per day, no length limit.

Bluegill/Warmouth and other sunfishes: no creel or length limit.

Woods



Largemouth/Smallmouth/Spotted Bass: 5 per day in combination.

Largemouth/Spotted Bass: no length limit.

Smallmouth Bass: 18-inch minimum length limit.

Crappie (all species): 15 per day in combination, 10 inch minimum length limit.

Catfish (all species): no harvest limit for fish under 34 inches in length; only one fish over 34 inches in length may be harvested per day.

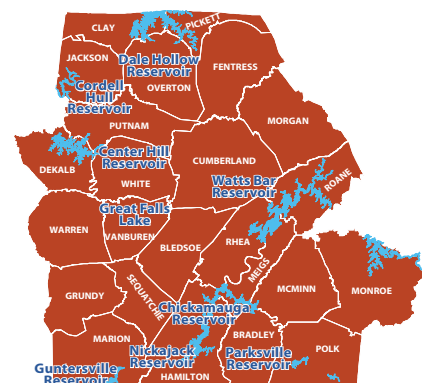
White Bass: 15 per day, no length limit.

Yellow Bass: no creel or length limit.

Rock Bass: 20 per day, no length limit.

Redear Sunfish: 20 per day, no length limit.

Bluegill/Warmouth and other sunfishes: no creel or length limit.



REGION III

Center Hill

Largemouth/Smallmouth/Spotted Bass: 5 per day in combination.

Largemouth Bass: 15-inch minimum length limit.

Smallmouth Bass: 18-inch minimum length limit.

Spotted Bass: no length limit.

Crappie (all species): 15 per day in combination, 10 inch minimum length limit.

Catfish (all species): no harvest limit for fish under 34 inches in length; only one fish over 34 inches in length may be harvested per day.

White Bass: 15 per day, no length limit.

Yellow Bass: no creel or length limit.

Walleye: 5 per day, 16-inch minimum length limit.

Muskellunge: 1 per day, 50-inch minimum length limit.

Paddlefish: reservoir and its tributaries are closed to taking or possessing paddlefish.

Rock Bass: 20 per day, no length limit.

Redear Sunfish: 20 per day, no length limit.

Bluegill/Warmouth and other sunfishes: no creel or length limit.

SPECIAL RESTRICTIONS:

Jan 1 - Apr 30: on Caney Fork River from Rock Island State Park boat ramp upstream to Great Falls Dam, anglers are restricted to the use of one hook having a single point, or one lure with a single hook with one point. No more than three rods and reels or poles per angler may be used.

Chickamauga

Largemouth/Smallmouth/Spotted/Alabama Bass: 5 per day in combination, only one may be a smallmouth bass.

Largemouth Bass: 15-inch minimum length limit.

Smallmouth Bass: 1 per day, 18-inch minimum length limit.

Spotted/Alabama Bass: no length limit.

Crappie (all species): 15 per day in combination, 10 inch minimum length limit.

RESERVOIR REGULATIONS

Catfish (all species): no harvest limit for fish under 34 inches in length; only one fish over 34 inches in length may be harvested per day.

Striped Bass or Hybrid Striped Bass: 2 per day in combination, 15-inch minimum length limit.

White Bass: 15 per day, no length limit.

Yellow Bass: no creel or length limit.

Walleye: 5 per day, 16-inch minimum length limit.

Sauger: 10 per day, 15-inch minimum length limit.

Paddlefish: 2 per day; season is open from Apr 24 - May 31. Culling is prohibited.

Rock Bass: 20 per day, no length limit.

Redear Sunfish: 20 per day, no length limit.

Bluegill/Warmouth and other sunfishes: no creel or length limit.

Cordell Hull

Largemouth/Smallmouth/Spotted Bass: 5 per day in combination.

Largemouth Bass: 16- to 21-inch PLR, 3 fish under 16 inches and 2 fish over 21 inches may be harvested per day.

Smallmouth Bass: 18-inch minimum length limit.

Spotted Bass: no minimum length.

Crappie (all species): 15 per day in combination, 10 inch minimum length limit.

Catfish (all species): no harvest limit for fish under 34 inches in length; only one fish over 34 inches in length may be harvested per day.

Striped Bass or Hybrid Striped Bass: 2 per day in combination.

Striped Bass: 32- to 42-inch PLR. Only one fish may be over 42 inches.

Hybrid Striped Bass: 15-inch minimum length limit.

White Bass: 15 per day, no length limit.

Yellow Bass: no creel or length limit.

Water Release Schedules For Dams

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Walleye: 5 per day, 16-inch minimum length limit.

Sauger: 10 per day, 15-inch minimum length limit.

Paddlefish: 2 per day; season is open from Apr 24 - May 31. Culling is prohibited.

Rock Bass: 20 per day, no length limit.

Redear Sunfish: 20 per day, no length limit.

Bluegill/Warmouth and other sunfishes: no creel or length limit.

Dale Hollow

All Species: 3 pole limit per angler from boat and 6 pole limit per angler from bank may be used.

Largemouth/Spotted/Smallmouth Bass: 5 per day in combination, only two may be smallmouth bass.

Largemouth Bass: 15-inch minimum length limit.

Smallmouth Bass: 2 per day, 16- to 21-inch PLR. One fish may be under 16 inches and one may be over 21 inches. Includes Wolf River upstream to South Ford Road bridge.

Spotted Bass: no length limit.

Crappie (all species): 15 per day in combination, 10 inch minimum length limit.

Catfish (all species): no harvest limit for fish under 34 inches in length; only one fish over 34 inches in length may be harvested per day.

White Bass: 15 per day, no length limit.

Yellow Bass: no creel or length limit.

Walleye: 5 per day, 16-inch minimum length limit. See special restrictions below.

Rock Bass: 20 per day, no length limit.

Redear Sunfish: 20 per day, no length limit.

Muskellunge: 1 per day, 50-inch minimum length limit.

Bluegill/Warmouth and other sunfishes: no creel or length limit.

Trout: 7 per day, no length limit.

SPECIAL RESTRICTIONS:

Jan 1 - Apr 15: on the east fork of the Obey from Compton boat ramp upstream to Hwy. 52 bridge, anglers are restricted to the use of one hook having a single point, or one lure with a single hook with one point. Walleye creel limit 5 per day,

16-inch minimum length limit. Only one walleye over 20 inches may be harvested. No more than 3 rods and reels or poles per angler may be used.

Great Falls

Largemouth/Smallmouth/Spotted Bass: 5 per day in combination.

Largemouth Bass: 15-inch minimum length limit.

Smallmouth Bass: 18-inch minimum length limit.

Spotted Bass: no length limit.

Crappie (all species): 15 per day in combination, 10-inch minimum length limit.

Catfish (all species): no harvest limit for fish under 34 inches in length; only one fish over 34 inches in length may be harvested per day.

Walleye: 5 per day, 16-inch minimum length limit.

Muskellunge: 1 per day, 50-inch minimum length limit.

Rock Bass: 20 per day, no length limit.

Redear Sunfish: 20 per day, no length limit.

Bluegill/Warmouth and other sunfishes: no creel or length limit.

Guntersville

Largemouth/Spotted Bass: 5 per day in combination, no length limit.

Smallmouth Bass: 1 per day, 18-inch minimum length limit.

Crappie (all species): 30 per day in combination, 9-inch minimum length limit.

Catfish (all species): no harvest limit for fish under 34 inches in length; only one fish over 34 inches in length may be harvested per day.

Striped Bass or Hybrid Striped Bass: 2 per day in combination, 15-inch minimum length limit.

White Bass: 15 per day, no length limit.

Yellow Bass: no creel or length limit.

Walleye: 5 per day, 16-inch minimum length limit.

Sauger: 10 per day, 15-inch minimum length limit.

Paddlefish: 2 per day; season is open from Apr 24 - May 31. Culling is prohibited.

Rock Bass: 20 per day, no length limit.

Redear Sunfish: 20 per day, no length limit.

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Bluegill/Warmouth and other sunfishes: no creel or length limit.

Nickajack

Largemouth/Smallmouth Bass: 5 per day in combination, only one may be smallmouth bass.

Largemouth Bass: 15-inch minimum length limit.

Smallmouth Bass: 1 per day, 18-inch minimum length limit.

Spotted Bass: From Chickamauga Dam downstream to mouth of South Chickamauga Creek 15 per day, no length limit. Rest of reservoir: 5 per day, no length limit.

Crappie (all species): 15 per day in combination, 10-inch minimum length limit.

Catfish (all species): no harvest limit for fish under 34 inches in length; only one fish over 34 inches in length may be harvested per day.

Striped Bass or Hybrid Striped Bass: 2 per day in combination, 15-inch minimum length limit.

White Bass: 15 per day, no length limit.

Yellow Bass: no creel or length limit.

Walleye: 5 per day, 16-inch minimum length limit.

Sauger: 10 per day, 15-inch minimum length limit.

Paddlefish: 2 per day; season is open from Apr 24 - May 31. Culling is prohibited.

Rock Bass: 20 per day, no length limit.

Redear Sunfish: 20 per day, no length limit.

Bluegill/Warmouth and other sunfishes: no creel or length limit.

Parksville

Largemouth/Smallmouth: 5 per day in combination.

Largemouth Bass: 14-inch minimum length limit.

Smallmouth Bass: 18-inch minimum length limit.

Spotted/Alabama Bass: no creel or length limits.

Crappie (all species): 15 per day in combination, 10 inch minimum length limit.

Catfish (all species): no harvest limit for fish under 34 inches in length; only one fish over 34 inches in length may be harvested per day.

Rock Bass: 20 per day, no length limit.

Redear Sunfish: 20 per day, no length limit.

Bluegill/Warmouth and other sunfishes: no creel or length limit.

Trout: 7 per day, no length limit.

Watts Bar

Largemouth/Smallmouth/Spotted Bass: 5 per day in combination.

Largemouth Bass: 15-inch minimum length limit.

Smallmouth Bass: 18-inch minimum length limit.

Spotted Bass: no length limit.

Crappie (all species): 15 per day in combination, 10-inch minimum length limit.

Catfish (all species): no harvest limit for fish under 34 inches in length; only one fish over 34 inches in length may be harvested per day.

Striped Bass or Hybrid Striped Bass:

Apr 1 - Oct 31: 2 per day in combination.

Nov 1 - Mar 31: 2 per day in combination, only one may be a striped bass.

Striped Bass:

Apr 1 - Oct 31: 15-inch minimum length limit.

Nov 1 - Mar 31: 36-inch minimum length limit.

Hybrid Striped Bass: 15-inch minimum length limit.

White Bass: 15 per day, no length limit.

Yellow Bass: no creel or length limit.

Walleye: 5 per day, 16-inch minimum length limit.

Sauger: 10 per day, 15-inch minimum length limit.

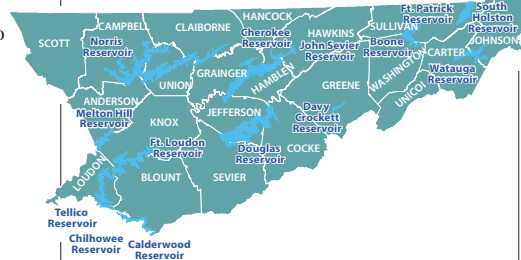
Paddlefish: 2 per day; season is open from Apr 24 - May 31. Culling is prohibited.

Rock Bass: 20 per day, no length limit.

Redear Sunfish: 20 per day, no length limit.

Muskellunge: 1 per day, 36-inch minimum length limit.

Bluegill/Warmouth and other sunfishes: no creel or length limit.



REGION IV

Boone

Reservoir defined as from dam upstream to Hwy. 37 Bridge at Bluff City on South Fork Holston arm and upstream to new Austin Springs Bridge on Watauga arm.

Largemouth/Smallmouth Bass: 5 per day in combination.

Largemouth Bass: 15-inch minimum length limit.

Smallmouth Bass: 15-inch minimum length limit.

Spotted Bass: 15 per day, no length limit.

Crappie (all species): 15 per day in combination, 10-inch minimum length limit.

Catfish (all species): no harvest limit for fish under 34 inches in length; only one fish over 34 inches in length may be harvested per day.

Striped Bass or Hybrid Striped Bass:

Apr 1 - Oct 31: 2 per day in combination.

Nov 1 - Mar 31: 2 per day in combination, only one may be a striped bass.

Striped Bass:

Apr 1 - Oct 31: 15-inch minimum length limit.

Nov 1 - Mar 31: 36-inch minimum length limit.

Hybrid Striped Bass: 15-inch minimum length limit.

White Bass: 15 per day, no length limit.

Rock Bass: 20 per day, no length limit.

Redear Sunfish: 20 per day, no length limit.

Bluegill/Warmouth and other sunfishes: no creel or length limit.

Trout: 7 per day, no length limit.

Calderwood

Largemouth/Smallmouth Bass: 5 per day in combination.

Largemouth Bass: no length limit.

Smallmouth Bass: 18-inch minimum length limit.

Spotted Bass: 15 per day, no length limit.

Crappie (all species): 15 per day in combination, 10-inch minimum length limit.

Catfish (all species): no harvest limit for fish under 34 inches in length; only one fish over 34 inches in length may be harvested per day.

Walleye: 5 per day, 16-inch minimum length limit.

Sauger: 10 per day, 15-inch minimum length limit.

Rock Bass: 20 per day, no length limit.

Redear Sunfish: 20 per day, no length limit.

Bluegill/Warmouth and other sunfishes: no creel or length limit.

Trout: 7 per day, no length limit.

Cherokee

Largemouth/Smallmouth Bass: 5 per day in combination. Size restrictions apply from the dam upstream to the John Sevier Dam.

Largemouth Bass: 15-inch minimum length limit.

Smallmouth Bass: 18-inch minimum length limit.

Spotted Bass: 15 per day, no length limit.

Crappie (all species): 15 per day in combination, 10 inch minimum length limit.

Catfish (all species): No harvest limit for fish under 34 inches in length; only one fish over 34 inches in length may be harvested per day.

Striped Bass or Hybrid Striped Bass: 2 per day in combination, 15-inch minimum length limit.

White Bass: 15 per day, no length limit.

Walleye, Sauger, and Saugeye: 10 per day in combination, 15-inch minimum length limit.

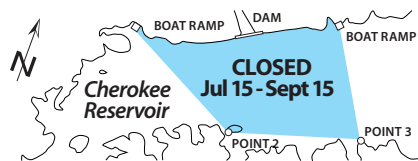
Paddlefish: 1 per day. Season is open from Apr 1-15. Culling is prohibited.

Rock Bass: 20 per day, no length limit.

Redear Sunfish: 20 per day, no length limit.

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Bluegill/Warmouth and other sunfishes: no creel or length limit.



SPECIAL RESTRICTIONS:

A closed fishing zone will be in effect from Jul 15 through Sept 15. This zone is enclosed by lines from the boat ramp at the south end of the dam across the lake to Point 2, from Point 2 to Point 3, and from Point 3 back across the lake to the TWRA boat ramp at the north end of the dam. All bank fishing will be open and the coves along the southeast shoreline will be open to boat fishing, but no fishing for any species will be allowed by boat in the described zone from Jul 15 through Sept 15.

Chilhowee

Largemouth/Smallmouth Bass: 5 per day in combination.

Largemouth Bass: 14-inch minimum length limit.

Smallmouth Bass: 18-inch minimum length limit.

Spotted Bass: 15 per day, no length limit.

Crappie (all species): 15 per day in combination, 10 inch minimum length limit.

Catfish (all species): no harvest limit for fish under 34 inches in length; only one fish over 34 inches in length may be harvested per day.

Sauger: 10 per day, 15-inch minimum length limit.

Walleye: 5 per day, 16-inch minimum length limit.

Rock Bass: 20 per day, no length limit.

Redear Sunfish: 20 per day, no length limit.

Bluegill/Warmouth and other sunfishes: no creel or length limit.

Trout: 7 per day, no length limit, only two may be lake trout.

Douglas

Restrictions extend from Douglas Dam upstream to the ENKA Dam on the Nolichucky River and the mouth of the Pigeon River on the French Broad. Restrictions on **Walleye** and **Sauger** also include Pigeon and French Broad Rivers upstream to NC state line.

Largemouth/Smallmouth/Spotted Bass: 5 per day in combination, only one may be smallmouth bass.

Largemouth Bass: no length limit.

Smallmouth Bass:

Jun 15 - Oct 15: 1 per day, 20-inch minimum length limit.

Oct 16 - Jun 14: 5 per day, 18-inch minimum length limit.

Spotted Bass: no length limit.

Crappie (all species): 15 per day in combination, 10-inch minimum length limit.

Catfish (all species): no harvest limit for fish under 34 inches in length; only one fish over 34 inches in length may be harvested per day.

White Bass: 15 per day, no length limit.

Walleye/Sauger: 5 per day in combination.

Walleye: 15-inch minimum length limit.

Sauger: no minimum length limit but only one sauger may be over 16 inches per day.

Rock Bass: 20 per day, no length limit.

Redear Sunfish: 20 per day, no length limit.

Muskellunge: 1 per day, 36-inch minimum length limit.

Bluegill/Warmouth and other sunfishes: no creel or length limit.

Ft. Loudoun

Largemouth/Smallmouth Bass: 5 per day in combination.

Largemouth Bass: 14-inch minimum length limit.

Smallmouth Bass: 18-inch minimum length limit.

Spotted Bass: 15 per day, no length limit.

Crappie (all species): 15 per day in combination, 10-inch minimum length limit.

Catfish (all species): no harvest limit for fish under 34 inches in length; only one fish over 34 inches in length may be harvested per day.

Striped Bass or Hybrid Striped Bass: 2 per day in combination, 15-inch minimum length limit.

White Bass: 15 per day, no length limit.

Yellow Bass: no creel or length limit.

Sauger: 10 per day, 15-inch minimum length limit.

Walleye: 5 per day, 16-inch minimum length limit.

Paddlefish: 2 per day; season is open from Apr 24 - May 31. Culling is prohibited.

Rock Bass: 20 per day, no length limit.

Redear Sunfish: 20 per day, no length limit.

Bluegill/Warmouth and other sunfishes: no creel or length limit.

Ft. Patrick Henry

Largemouth/Smallmouth Bass: 5 per day in combination.

Largemouth Bass: no length limit.

Smallmouth Bass: 18-inch minimum length limit.

Spotted Bass: 15 per day, no length limit.

Crappie (all species): 15 per day in combination, 10-inch minimum length limit.

Catfish (all species): no harvest limit for fish under 34 inches in length; only one fish over 34 inches in length may be harvested per day.

Striped Bass or Hybrid Striped Bass: 2 per day in combination, 15-inch minimum length limit.

White Bass: 15 per day, no length limit.

Walleye: 5 per day, 18-inch minimum length limit.

Rock Bass: 20 per day, no length limit.

Redear Sunfish: 20 per day, no length limit.

Bluegill/Warmouth and other sunfishes: no creel or length limit.

Trout: 7 per day, no length limit.

John Sevier

Largemouth/Smallmouth Bass: 5 per day in combination.

Largemouth Bass: no length limit.

Smallmouth Bass: 13- to 17- inch protected length range, only one Smallmouth bass over 17 inches per day.

Spotted Bass: 15 per day, no length limit.

Crappie (all species): 15 per day in combination, 10-inch minimum length limit.

Catfish (all species): no harvest limit for fish under 34 inches in length; only one fish over 34 inches in length may be harvested per day.

White Bass: 15 per day, no length limit.

Rock Bass: 20 per day, no length limit.

Redear Sunfish: 20 per day, no length limit.

Bluegill/Warmouth and other sunfishes: no creel or length limit.

Melton Hill

Largemouth/Smallmouth Bass: 5 per day in combination.

Largemouth Bass: 14-inch minimum length limit.

Smallmouth Bass: 18-inch minimum length limit.

Spotted Bass: 15 per day, no minimum length limit.

Crappie (all species): 15 per day in combination, 10-inch minimum length limit.

Catfish (all species): no harvest limit for fish under 34 inches in length; only one fish over 34 inches in length may be harvested per day.

Striped Bass or Hybrid Striped Bass: 2 per day in combination, including Clinch River upstream to Highway 61 bridge in Clinton.

Striped Bass: 32- to 42- inch PLR; only one fish may be over 42 inches.

Hybrid Striped Bass: 15-inch minimum length limit.

White Bass: 15 per day, no length limit.

Yellow Bass: no creel or length limit.

Sauger: 10 per day, 15-inch minimum length limit.

Walleye: 5 per day, 16-inch minimum length limit.

Muskellunge: 1 per day, 50-inch minimum length limit. Muskellunge that are not intended to be harvested must be released immediately in a manner that promotes survival of the fish. Culling is not allowed.

Paddlefish: 2 per day; season is open from Apr 24 - May 31. Culling is prohibited.

Rock Bass: 20 per day, no length limit.

Redear Sunfish: 20 per day, no length limit.

Bluegill/Warmouth and other sunfishes: no creel or length limit.

Trout: 7 per day, no length limit.

Norris

Extends from the dam upstream to the Hwy. 25E bridge on the Clinch River arm and upstream to Gap Creek on the Powell River arm.

Largemouth/Smallmouth Bass: 5 per day in combination.

Largemouth Bass: 14-inch minimum length limit.

Smallmouth Bass:

Jun 1 - Oct 15: 1 per day, 20-inch minimum length limit.

Oct 16 - May 31: 5 per day, 18-inch minimum length limit.

Spotted Bass: no creel or length limit.

Crappie (all species): 10 per day in combination, 10-inch minimum length limit.

Catfish (all species): no harvest limit for fish under 34 inches in length; only one fish over 34 inches in length may be harvested per day.

Striped Bass:

Apr 1 - Oct 31: 2 per day, 15-inch minimum length limit.

Nov 1 - Mar 31: 1 per day, 36-inch minimum length limit.

White Bass: 15 per day, no length limit.

Yellow Bass: no creel or length limit.

Walleye/Sauger: 5 per day in combination, 15-inch minimum length limit (upstream to Grissom Island on the Clinch River).

Paddlefish: 2 per day; season is open from Apr 24 - May 31. Culling is prohibited.

Rock Bass: 20 per day, no length limit.

Redear Sunfish: 20 per day, no length limit.

Muskellunge: 1 per day, 36-inch minimum length limit.

Bluegill/Warmouth and other sunfishes: 30 per day, no length limit.

South Holston (TN & VA Rules)

- An additional South Holston Reservoir License (Type 063) is available for TN residents that want to fish Virginia portion of reservoir. See page 43.
- Restricted to 15 limb lines per angler.

Largemouth/Smallmouth Bass: 5 per day in combination.

Largemouth Bass: no length limit.

Smallmouth Bass: 15-inch minimum length limit.

Spotted Bass: 15 per day, no length limit.

Crappie (all species): 15 per day in combination, 10-inch minimum length limit.

Catfish (all species): 20 per day in combination. Only one fish over 34 inches in length may be harvested per day.

White Bass: No harvest allowed.

Walleye: 5 per day, 18-inch minimum length limit. Includes tributaries.

Rock Bass: 20 per day, no length limit.

Redear Sunfish: 20 per day, no length limit.

Bluegill: 50 per day, no length limit.

Warmouth and other sunfishes: no creel or length limit.

Trout: 7 per day, only two may be lake trout.

Tellico

Restrictions extend upstream on Tellico River to Big Creek Boat Ramp.

Largemouth/Smallmouth Bass: 5 per day in combination.

Largemouth Bass: 14-inch minimum length limit.

Smallmouth Bass: 18-inch minimum length limit.

Spotted Bass: 15 per day, no length limit.

Crappie (all species): 15 per day in combination, 10 inch minimum length limit.

Catfish (all species): no harvest limit for fish under 34 inches in length; only one fish over 34 inches in length may be harvested per day.

Striped Bass or Hybrid Striped Bass: 2 per day in combination, 15-inch minimum length limit.

White Bass: 15 per day, no length limit.

Yellow Bass: no creel or length limit.

Walleye/Sauger: 10 per day in combination but no more than 5 may be walleye. 15-inch minimum length limit. One walleye may be 24 inches or larger. Includes tributaries.

Paddlefish: 2 per day; season is open from Apr 24 - May 31. Culling is prohibited.

Rock Bass: 20 per day, no length limit.

Redear Sunfish: 20 per day, no length limit.

Bluegill/Warmouth and other sunfishes: no creel or length limit.

Trout: 7 per day, no length limit.

Watauga

Largemouth/Smallmouth Bass: 5 per day in combination.

Largemouth Bass: 12-inch minimum length limit.

Smallmouth Bass: 15-inch minimum length limit.

Spotted Bass: 15 per day, no length limit.

Crappie (all species): 15 per day in combination, 10 inch minimum length limit.

Catfish (all species): no harvest limit for fish under 34 inches in length; only one fish over 34 inches in length may be harvested per day.

White Bass: 15 per day, no length limit.

Walleye: 5 per day, 18-inch minimum length limit Walleye run regulation from Jan 1 through Apr 30, anglers are restricted to the use of one hook having a single point or one lure having no more than one hook with a single point (artificial or bait) on the following waters: Elk River from the Hwy. 321 Bridge downstream to RM 3.0 (Pt. 11) on the Elk River Arm of Watauga Reservoir, Doe Creek (Old Cabin Private Road downstream to Roan Creek), Roan Creek (Mountain Lake Estates Bridge downstream to Doe Creek), and Watauga River (NC line downstream to the end of Cowanstown Road).

Rock Bass: 20 per day, no length limit.

Redear Sunfish: 20 per day, no length limit.

Bluegill/Warmouth and other sunfishes: no creel or length limit.

Trout: 7 per day, no length limit, only two may be lake trout.



HELP STOP POACHING

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- State registration card on board
- Registration number and validation sticker displayed
- Do not operate a boat under the influence of alcohol or drugs
- Observe navigation rules
- Do not overload boat
- Sound signaling device

Other Items

- Do not occupy ramp until boat is ready to launch
- Notify others of your schedule
- Obtain weather forecasts
- Navigation charts
- Bail bucket
- Anchor and line
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TWRA FISHING LAKES

Eighteen TWRA managed lakes, located in Middle and West Tennessee, are open year-round. Some of these lakes are operated by private concessionaires under contract and offer complete services for the fishing public.

Hours

The lakes are open to fishing all week. Lakes will open one-half hour before official sunrise and close one-half hour after official sunset, except Garrett Lake which is open 24 hours a day. Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day the following lakes are closed: Carroll, Gibson Co., Glenn Springs, Herb Parsons and Lake Graham.

Permits

A daily lake permit of \$5.00 (available at most lakes), in addition to the regular fishing license, is required to use these lakes, with the exception of Garrett and Whiteville lakes. All residents 16 through 64 years of age, except holders of a Sportsman License and Lifetime Sportsman license, and nonresidents 16 years of age or older must have this permit. Resident anglers 65 years of age and older do not need a lake permit, but do need a fishing license. A \$40.00 Annual Lake Permit may also be purchased at many of the lakes with concessionaires, and is good at all TWRA fishing lakes. For **Coy Gaither-Bedford Lake**, a daily lake permit should be purchased from a license agent in the surrounding area before going to the lake.

Alcoholic beverages are prohibited at all Agency lakes.

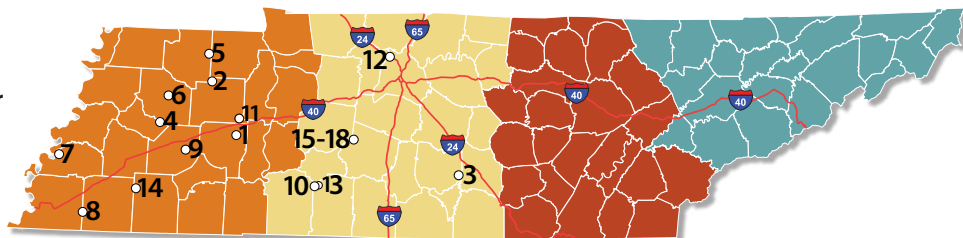
Speed boating, personal water craft, water skiing and swimming are prohibited.

Houseboats, sailboats and inboard cruisers are prohibited. On Coy Gaither-Bedford, Marrowbone, VFW and Williamsport lakes, only trolling motors can be used.

Boats may be rented for \$8.00 per day at some lakes on a seasonal basis. There is no charge for boat cushions or paddles.

Tackle

Only rods and reels, poles, hand-held lines, and jugs may be used (see page 37 for jug fishing rules at TWRA lakes). Snagging is prohibited.



TWRA Fishing Lakes Locations And Facilities

See more details at tnwildlife.org

	LICENSES SOLD	PERMIT REQUIRED	RENTAL BOATS	OUTBOARDS PERMITTED	LAUNCHING RAMP	FISHING PIERS	PICNIC AREAS	BAIT & TACKLE
1. Brown's Creek Lake (731) 423-5725 Henderson Co. 10 miles S of I-40 in the Natchez Trace State Park. (167 acres)		•	•	•	•	•	•	
2. Carroll Lake (731) 423-5725 <i>(closed for repairs)</i> Carroll Co. 4 miles E of McKenzie on Hwy 22. (100 acres)		•	•	•	•	•	•	
3. Coy Gaither-Bedford Lake (615) 781-6622 Bedford Co. 10 miles SE of Shelbyville on Hwy 269. (47 acres)		•			•	•	•	
4. Davy Crockett Lake (731) 784-3889 Crockett Co. 5 miles W of Humboldt on Hwy 152. (87 acres)		•	•	•	•	•	•	
5. Garrett Lake (731) 423-5725 Weakley Co. 7 miles E of Dresden on Hwy 54. (183 acres)				•	•	•	•	
6. Gibson County Lake (731) 855-2990 Gibson Co. 5 miles E of Trenton off of Vaughns Grove Rd. (560 acres)	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
7. Glenn Springs Lake (901) 835-5253 Tipton Co. 12 miles NE of Millington on Glenn Springs Rd. (310 acres)	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
8. Herb Parsons Lake (901) 860-3880 Fayette Co. 15 miles N of Collierville on Collierville-Arlington Rd. (177 acres)	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
9. Lake Graham (731) 424-4800 Madison Co. 9 miles E of Jackson on Cotton Grove Rd. (500 acres)	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
10. Laurel Hill Lake (931) 762-7200 Lawrence Co. 15 miles W of Lawrenceburg on Hwy 64. (325 acres)	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
11. Maples Creek Lake (731) 423-5725 Carroll Co. 4 miles N of I-40 in Natchez Trace State Park. (90 acres)		•	•	•	•	•	•	
12. Marrowbone Lake (615) 876-6012 Davidson Co. 6 miles N of Joelton off of Hwy 41-A. (60 acres)	•	•	•		•	•	•	•
13. VFW Lake (931) 762-7200 Lawrence Co. 12 miles W of Lawrenceburg off of Hwy 64. (22 acres)		•			•		•	
14. Whiteville Lake (731) 423-5725 Hardeman Co. 2 miles S of Whiteville on Hwy 64. (158 acres)				•	•	•	•	
15-18. Williamsport Lakes (4 lakes) (931) 583-2477 Maury Co. 8.5 miles NW of Columbia on Hwy 50. (164 acres total)	•	•	•		•	•	•	•

TAKE IT TO THE BANK

Contact your TWRA Office or log in to
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for a list of bank fishing locations.



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Statewide regulations apply for any species not listed.

Brown's Creek Lake

Black Bass: 5 per day, 18- to 24-inch PLR. Only one fish longer than 24 inches may be harvested.

Bluegill: no creel or length limit.

Redear: 20 per day, no length limit.

Crappie (all species): 30 per day, 8-inch minimum length limit.

Blue/Channel Catfish: 5 per day in combination, no length limit.

Carroll Lake (closed for repairs)

Black Bass: 5 per day, no length limit.

Bluegill: no creel or length limit.

Redear: 20 per day, no length limit.

Crappie (all species): 30 per day, 10-inch minimum length limit.

Blue/Channel Catfish: 5 per day in combination, no length limit.

Coy Gaither-Bedford Lake

Largemouth Bass: 5 per day, 14- to 18-inch PLR. Only one fish longer than 18 inches may be harvested.

Bluegill/Redear: 20 per day in combination, no length limit.

Crappie (all species): 15 per day, 10-inch minimum length limit.

Blue/Channel Catfish: 5 per day in combination, 14-inch minimum length limit.

Davy Crockett Lake (Crockett Co.)

Black Bass: 10 per day, no length limit.

Bluegill: no creel or length limit.

Redear: 20 per day, no length limit.

Crappie (all species): 30 per day, 10-inch minimum length limit.

Blue/Channel Catfish: 5 per day in combination, no length limit.

Garrett Lake

Black Bass: 5 per day, no length limit.

Bluegill: no creel or length limit.

Redear: 20 per day, no length limit.

Crappie (all species): 30 per day, 10-inch minimum length limit.

Blue/Channel Catfish: 5 per day in combination, no length limit.

Gibson County Lake

Largemouth Bass: 10 per day, 18- to 24-inch PLR. Only one fish longer than 24 inches may be harvested.

Bluegill/Redear: 20 per day in combination, no length limit.

Crappie (all species): 30 per day, 10-inch minimum length limit.

Blue/Channel Catfish: 5 per day in combination, no length limit.

Glenn Springs Lake

Black Bass: 10 per day, 14- to 18-inch PLR. Only one fish longer than 18 inches may be harvested.

Bluegill/Redear: 20 per day in combination, no length limit.

Crappie (all species): 30 per day, 8-inch minimum length limit.

Blue/Channel Catfish: 5 per day in combination, no length limit.

Herb Parsons Lake

Black Bass: 10 per day, 14- to 18-inch PLR. Only one fish longer than 18 inches may be harvested.

Bluegill: no creel or length limit.

Redear: 20 per day, no length limit.

Crappie (all species): 30 per day, 8-inch minimum length limit.

Blue/Channel Catfish: 5 per day in combination, no length limit.

Lake Graham

Black Bass: 10 per day, 14- to 18-inch PLR. Only one fish longer than 18 inches may be harvested.

Bluegill: no creel or length limit.

Redear: 20 per day, no length limit.

Crappie (all species): 30 per day, 10-inch minimum length limit.

Blue/Channel Catfish: 5 per day in combination, no length limit.

Trout: 7 per day, no length limit.

Laurel Hill Lake

One embayment is for juvenile fishing, only youths 16 and under may fish. Nursery ponds may be closed as posted.

Largemouth Bass: 10 per day, 13- to 18-inch PLR. Only one fish longer than 18 inches may be harvested.

Bluegill/Redear: 20 per day in combination, no length limit.

Crappie (all species): 15 per day, 10-inch minimum length limit.

Blue/Channel Catfish: 5 per day in combination, 14-inch minimum length limit.

Maples Creek Lake

Black Bass: 5 per day, no length limit.

Bluegill: no creel or length limit.

Redear: 20 per day, no length limit.

Crappie (all species): 30 per day, 8-inch minimum length limit.

Blue/Channel Catfish: 5 per day in combination, no length limit.

Marrowbone Lake

Black Bass: 5 per day, 14- to 18-inch PLR. Only one fish longer than 18 inches may be harvested.

Bluegill: no creel or length limit.

Redear: 20 per day, no length limit.

Crappie (all species): 15 per day, 10-inch minimum length limit.

Blue/Channel Catfish: 5 per day in combination, no length limit.

Trout: 7 per day, no length limit.

VFW Lake

Largemouth Bass: 5 per day, no length limit.

Bluegill/Redear: 20 per day in combination, no length limit.

Crappie (all species): 15 per day, 10-inch minimum length limit.

Blue/Channel Catfish: 5 per day in combination, 14-inch minimum length limit.

Whiteville Lake

Black Bass: 5 per day, no length limit.

Bluegill: no creel or length limit.

Redear: 20 per day, no length limit.

Crappie (all species): 30 per day, 8-inch minimum length limit.

Blue/Channel Catfish: 5 per day in combination, no length limit.

Williamsport Lakes (4 lakes)

Whippoorwill Lake is for juvenile fishing, only youths 16 and under and an accompanying adult may fish. Two wetland ponds, Egret and Heron, are closed to fishing.

Largemouth Bass: 1 per day, 20-inch minimum length limit.

Bluegill/Redear: 20 per day in combination, no length limit.

Crappie (all species): 15 per day, 10-inch minimum length limit.

Blue/Channel Catfish: 5 per day in combination, 14-inch minimum length limit.

Protected Length Range (PLR)

PLR is a Protected Length Range. Fish in this length range may not be harvested and only one fish longer than the listed range may be harvested. To promote growth of bigger bass, anglers are encouraged to harvest their daily limit of bass shorter than the listed PLR.

SMALL IMPOUNDMENTS

Exceptions To Statewide Fishing Regulations On Small Impoundments

Allen Branch Pond (Cocke County)

- **Catfish:** 5 per day, no length limit.

Beech River Watershed Lakes

- **Catfish:** 5 per day, 15-inch minimum length limit.
- **Crappie:** 30 per day, no length limit.

Bridgestone/Firestone Centennial Wilderness WMA Ponds

Designated as youth fishing ponds. Fishing is permitted for youths 16 years of age or younger who are accompanied by a non-fishing adult (18 years of age or older). Youths are limited to using one pole or rod while fishing. Fishing is permitted from one-half hour before official sunrise to one-half hour after official sunset.

- **Bluegill:** 10 per day, no length limit.
- **Channel Catfish:** 5 per day.
- **Largemouth Bass:** catch and release only Campbell Lake (Maury County).
- **Largemouth Bass:** 1 per day, 12-inch minimum length limit.
- **Catfish:** 5 per day, 14-inch minimum length limit.
- **Bluegill/Redear Sunfish:** 20 per day in combination, no length limit.
- **Crappie (all species):** 30 per day in combination, no length limit.

Campbell Lake (Maury County)

- **Largemouth Bass:** 1 per day, 12-inch minimum length limit.
- **Catfish:** 5 per day, 14-inch minimum length limit.
- **Bluegill/Redear Sunfish:** 20 per day in combination, no length limit.
- **Crappie (all species):** 30 per day in combination, no length limit.

Carroll County Lake

- **Largemouth Bass:** 5 per day, 14- to 18-inch PLR (slot). Only one bass over 18 inches.
- **Bluegill/Redear Sunfish:** no length limit, creel limit of 20 per day in combination.
- **Crappie (all species):** 10-inch minimum length limit, creel limit of 30 per day in combination.
- **Blue/Channel Catfish:** no length limit, creel limit of 5 per day in combination.

Casper Lake (Shelby County)

- **Largemouth Bass:** 2 per day, 16-inch minimum length limit.

Catoosa Wildlife Management Area

All streams and ponds are open from Apr 1 - Dec 31, except on the dates of managed big game and turkey hunts.

Davy Crockett Lake (Greene County)

- **Crappie:** 30 per day, no length limit.
- **Smallmouth/Largemouth Bass:** 5 per day in combination.
- **Smallmouth Bass:** 13- to 17-inch protected length range, only one over 17 inches.
- **Spotted Bass:** 15 per day, no length limit.

Dickson City Lakes (Dickson County)

- **Catfish:** 5 per day, no length limit.

Doakes Pond (on Norris Reservoir)

The portion of Norris Reservoir known as Doakes Pond, located adjacent to Hwy. 63 approximately 9 miles NE of LaFollette, is closed to fishing.

Douglas Reservoir

Henderson Island WMA Rearing Pond is closed to fishing year-round.

Federal Refuges

Some federal wildlife refuges have closed seasons. For details contact the office of the national wildlife refuge where you wish to fish.

Gooch Unit E Lake

- **Largemouth Bass:** 5 per day, 15-inch minimum length limit.

Hiwassee Refuge

Trespassing and fishing are prohibited in embayments and sub-impoundments from Nov 15 - Feb 29. Boats must remain within the river channel defined by navigational buoys.

Indian Boundary Lake (Cherokee NF)

- **Largemouth Bass:** 2 per day, 14-inch minimum length limit.
- **Catfish:** 5 per day, no length limit.
- **Crappie:** 30 per day, no length limit.

Kingston Wildlife Refuge

Trespassing and fishing are prohibited in embayments and sub-impoundments from Nov 15 - Feb 29. Boats must remain within the river channel defined by navigational buoys.

Lake Kefauver (Madisonville, Monroe County)

- **Bass:** 2 per day, 14-inch minimum length limit.
- **Catfish:** 5 per day, no length limit.

Land Between the Lakes

All waters are open year round with the following provisions:

- Farm ponds are open to fishing unless otherwise posted.
- **Bards Lake:** Trotlines and limblines are prohibited. Jugs are permitted from Oct 1 - Mar 21, with a limit of 10 jugs per person.

Liberty Park Lake (Clarksville)

- **Catfish:** 5 per day, no length limit.

New Lake (Lewisburg City Lake)

- **Largemouth Bass:** 5 per day, 15-inch minimum length limit.
- **Catfish:** 5 per day, no length limit.
- **Crappie:** 15 per day, no length limit.

Open one half-hour before official sunrise to one half-hour after official sunset. Only rods and reels and cane poles permitted.

Paint Rock Refuge (on Watts Bar Reservoir)

Trespassing and fishing are prohibited in embayments and sub-impoundments from Nov 15 - Feb 29. Boats must remain within the river channel defined by navigational buoys.

Reelfoot Watershed Lake #18

- **Largemouth Bass:** 5 per day, 15-inch minimum length limit.

State Park Lakes

State Park Lakes are managed by the Department of Environment and Conservation. Unless otherwise posted, statewide fishing regulations apply with the following exceptions:

Crappie (all species combined):

- **All lakes:** 15 per day, no length limit, except:
 - **Pin Oak Lake, Natchez Trace State Park:** 30 per day, no length limit.

Channel or blue catfish or in combination:

- **All lakes:** 5 per day, no length limit.

Black bass from the following lakes must be a minimum of 15 inches:

- Lake Lindsey, David Crockett State Park.
- Byrd Lake, Cumberland Mountain State Park.
- Sullivan's Pond, Ft. Pillow State Historic Area.
- Indian Mt. "B" Lake, Indian Mountain State Park.
- Acorn Lake, Montgomery Bell State Park.
- Creech Hollow Lake, Montgomery Bell S.P.
- Kelly (Standing Stone) Lake, Standing Stone State Park.

Black bass from:

- **Lake Lajoie and Lake Placid, Chickasaw State Park:** 14- to 18-inch protected length range (slot limit). Daily creel limit 10 bass per day, only one bass over 18 inches may be harvested.
- **Big Ridge Lake, Big Ridge State Park:** must be a minimum of 14 inches.
- **Poplar Tree Lake, Meeman-Shelby Forest State Park:** 14- to 18-inch PLR (slot limit).
- **Travis McNatt Lake, Big Hill Pond State Park:** 10 bass per day, no length limit.

Bluegill and redear sunfish in combination:

- **Poplar Tree Lake, Meeman-Shelby Forest State Park:** 20 per day, no length limit.
- **Fall Creek Lake, Fall Creek Falls State Park:** 20 per day, no length limit.

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STREAMS AND RIVERS

Exceptions To Statewide Fishing Regulations On Streams and Rivers (also see trout streams pages 30–33)

Buffalo Creek (Grainger County)

Closed to all fishing and minnow seining upstream from the mill dam.

Calfkiller River and tributaries

- **Muskellunge:** 1 per day, 50-inch minimum length limit.

Caney Fork River (headwaters of Center Hill Reservoir)

Walleye run regulation in effect on the upper end of Center Hill Reservoir, including the Caney Fork River beginning at the boat ramp at Rock Island State Park and extending upstream to Great Falls Dam. Anglers restricted to use of one hook having a single barb or lure containing a single hook with one barb from Jan 1 - Apr 30. No more than 3 rods and reels or poles may be used.

Caney Fork River (above Center Hill Dam) and tributaries

- **Muskellunge:** 1 per day, 50-inch minimum length limit.

Clear Creek (tributary to the Clinch River – Anderson County)

Closed to fishing and minnow seining from Hwy. 441 upstream to the second dam (adjacent to the city of Norris water tower), as posted from Nov 1 - Mar 31.

Clinch River

- **Norris Reservoir upstream to Grissom Island:** Sauger and Walleye (in combination) — 5 per day, 15-inch minimum length limit.
- **Hwy. 25E upstream to state line:** 13- to 17-inch protected length range for smallmouth bass, with a creel limit of 5 black bass, allowing only one smallmouth bass in creel to be greater than 17 inches.

Collins River and tributaries

- **Muskellunge:** 1 per day, 50-inch minimum length limit.

East Fork of the Obey River (headwaters of Dale Hollow Reservoir)

Walleye run regulation in effect on the East Fork of the Obey River from Compton Boat Ramp upstream to the Hwy. 52 bridge. Anglers restricted to use of one hook having a single barb or lure containing a single hook with one barb from Jan 1 - Apr 15. Walleye creel limit 5 per day,

16-inch minimum length. Only one walleye over 20 inches may be harvested. No more than 3 rods and reels or poles may be used.

Forked Deer, Hatchie, Loosahatchie, Obion and Wolf Rivers (includes tributaries)

- **Crappie:** 30 per day, no length limit.

French Broad River

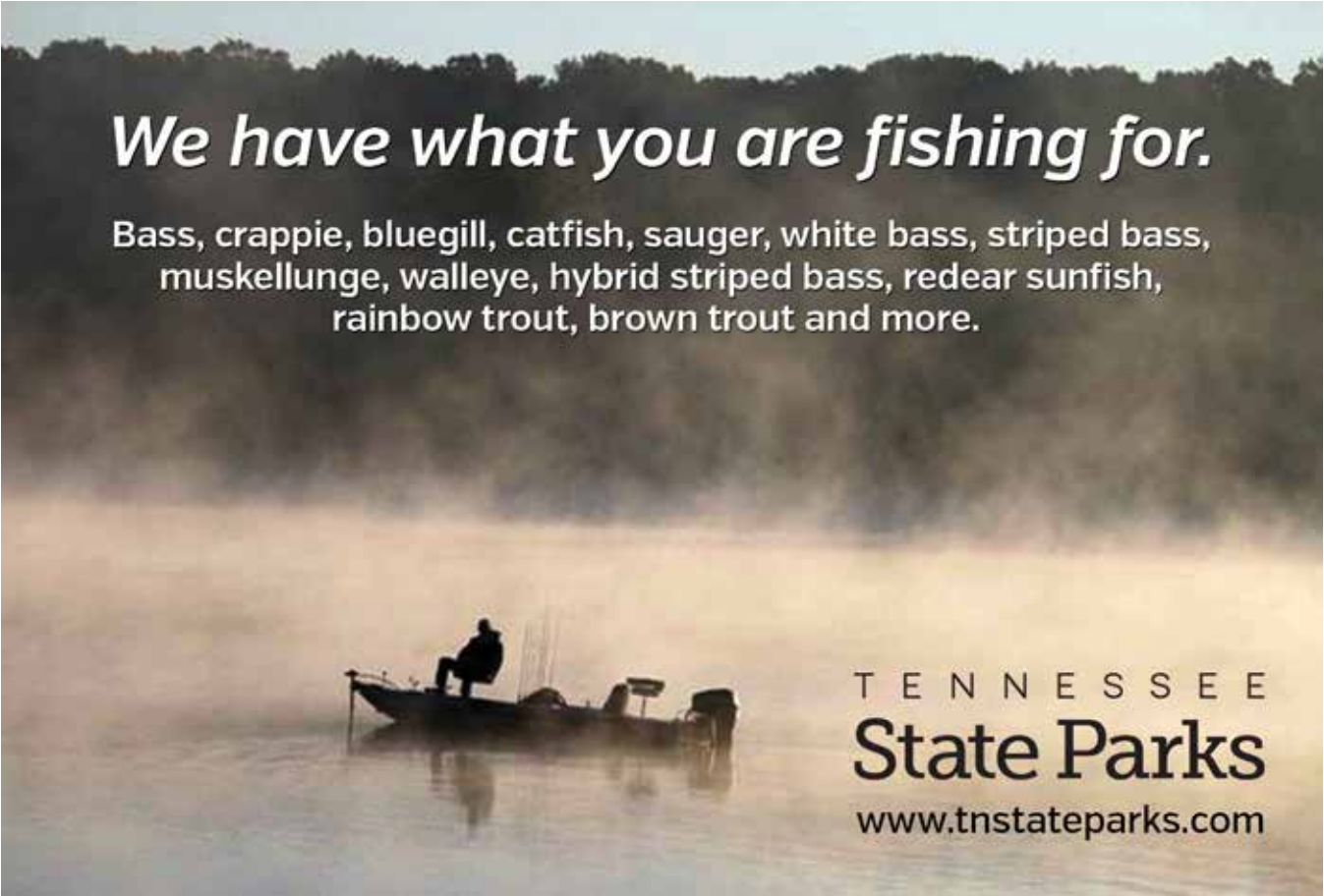
- **Smallmouth Bass:** 13- to 17-inch protected length range with a creel limit of 5 black bass, allowing only one smallmouth bass in creel to be greater than 17 inches (Hwy. 168 to state line, excluding Douglas Reservoir).

French Broad River (from confluence with Pigeon River upstream to state line)

- **Walleye/Sauger:** 5 per day in combination.
- **Walleye:** 15-inch minimum length limit.
- **Sauger:** No minimum length limit but only one sauger can be over 16 inches per day.

Holston River (1-40 bridge upstream to Cherokee Dam and John Sevier Dam upstream to North Fork Holston River)

13- to 17-inch protected length range for smallmouth bass, with a creel limit of 5 black bass, allowing only one smallmouth bass in creel to be greater than 17 inches.



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Little River (Rockford Dam upstream to Great Smoky Mountains NP boundary)

13- to 17-inch protected length range for smallmouth bass, with a creel limit of 5 black bass, allowing only one smallmouth bass in creel to be greater than 17 inches.

Little Buffalo River (Laurel Hill WMA)

Closed to fishing during big game hunts.

Little Pigeon River, Sevier County (from mouth upstream to the Great Smoky Mountains National Park boundary, including the West Prong and East Fork of the Little Pigeon River)

- **Smallmouth Bass:** 1 per day, 20-inch minimum length limit.

Mississippi River (includes adjacent sloughs, bayous, and all river runs and chutes, that are accessible by boat from the river proper)

- **Black Bass:** 10 per day, no length limit
- **Sunfish/Bream:** 50 per day, no length limit.
- **Catfish:** no creel limit, only one per day over 34 inches.
- **Crappie:** 50 per day, no length limit.
- **Striped Bass and Hybrid Striped Bass:** 6 per day, no length limit.
- **Sauger:** 6 per day, no length limit.
- **White Bass:** 30 per day, no length limit.

Nolichucky River (ENKA Dam upstream to state line, includes Davy Crockett Lake)

13- to 17-inch protected length range for smallmouth bass, with a creel limit of 5 black bass, allowing only one smallmouth bass in creel to be greater than 17 inches.

North Fork Holston River (confluence with South Fork Holston River upstream to state line)

13- to 17-inch protected length range for smallmouth bass, with a creel limit of 5 black bass, allowing only one smallmouth bass in creel to be greater than 17 inches.

Pigeon River, Cocke County (from mouth at French Broad River upstream to North Carolina state line)

- **Smallmouth Bass:** 1 per day, 20-inch minimum length limit.
- **Walleye/Sauger:** 5 per day in combination. **Walleye:** 15-inch minimum length limit. **Sauger:** No minimum length limit but only one sauger can be over 16 inches per day.

Powell River (Gap Creek confluence upstream to state line)

13- to 17-inch protected length range for smallmouth bass, with a creel limit of 5 black bass, allowing only one smallmouth bass in creel to be greater than 17 inches.

Rocky River and tributaries

- **Muskellunge:** 1 per day, 50-inch minimum length limit.

South Fork Holston River (confluence with North Fork Holston River upstream to Fort Patrick Henry Dam)

13- to 17-inch protected length range for smallmouth bass, with a creel limit of 5 black bass, allowing only one smallmouth bass in creel to be greater than 17 inches.

Stones River (confluence with Cumberland River upstream to J. Percy Priest Dam)

Regulations for Cheatham Reservoir apply (page 16).

Tellico River (Tellico Reservoir Boundary upstream to state line)

13- to 17-inch protected length range for smallmouth bass, with a creel limit of 5 black bass, allowing only one smallmouth bass in creel to be greater than 17 inches.

Wolf River (South Ford Road Bridge downstream into Dale Hollow Reservoir)

- **Smallmouth Bass:** 2 per day, 16 to 21-inch PLR (one under 16 inches and one over 21 inches.)



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TROUT REGULATIONS

Statewide Regulations

Any combination of trout species:

Daily Limit: 7

Minimum Length Limit: None

Exceptions:

• Only 2 trout in a creel may be lake trout

• See the following specific regulations

Delayed Harvest Areas

In the areas listed below, the harvest or possession of trout is prohibited during the catch-and-release season. During the catch-and-release season, only artificial lures are permitted and the use or possession of bait is prohibited.

Hiwassee River: Appalachian Powerhouse downstream to L&N Railroad Bridge.

- Catch-and-release season is Oct 1 - last day of Feb.
- From Mar 1 - Sep 30, trout creel limit is 7 trout of all species combined and only 2 may be brown trout.

Paint Creek: Paint Creek Campground downstream to mouth at French Broad River.

- Catch-and-release season is Oct 1 - last day of Feb.

Piney River: Cumberland Trail State Park downstream to Highway 27 Bridge.

- Catch-and-release season is Nov 1 - last day of Feb.

Tellico River: Mouth of North River upstream to the Tennessee/North Carolina state line.

- Catch-and-release season is Oct 1 - Mar 14.

Special Trout Regulations

Caney Fork River: Center Hill Dam to Cumberland River, including tributaries.

- Total daily creel of all trout (rainbow, brown and brook) in combination is 5 fish.
- **Rainbow Trout:** 5 per day, 14- to 20-inch protected length range, only one fish over 20 inches may be harvested.

- **Brook Trout:** 5 per day, 14- to 20-inch protected length range, only one fish over 20 inches may be harvested.
- **Brown Trout:** 1 per day, 24-inch minimum length limit.

Clinch River: Norris Dam, downstream to Hwy. 61 bridge, including tributaries.

- 14- to 20-inch protected length range on all trout.
- 7 trout creel limit, only one trout may be greater than 20 inches.

Clear Creek: tributary to Clinch River — Anderson Co.

- Closed to fishing and minnow seining from Hwy. 441 upstream to the second dam (adjacent to the city of Norris water tower), as posted from Nov 1 - Mar 31.

Hiwassee River: Appalachian Powerhouse downstream to L&N Railroad Bridge.

- Mar 1 - Sep 30: 7 trout creel limit, only 2 may be brown trout.
- Oct 1 - last day of Feb: see delayed harvest areas.

South Fork Holston River: South Holston Dam to Hwy. 37 Bridge at Bluff City.

- 16- to 22-inch protected length range on all trout.
- 7 trout creel limit, only one trout may be greater than 22 inches.
- Closed to all fishing Nov 1 - Jan 31 in the following areas:
 1. Hickory Tree Bridge upstream to the confluence with Bottom Creek.
 2. Downstream point of Boy's Island (first island downstream of Weaver Pike Bridge) upstream to the top of the first island above Webb Road Bridge.

Watauga River: Quality Trout Fishing Area Smallings bridge downstream to CSX railroad bridges.

- 14-inch minimum length limit.
- 2 trout creel limit.
- Use or possession of any bait is prohibited.
- Trout less than 14 inches may not be in possession.

Polk County: Big Lost Creek, Goforth Creek, Spring Creek, Greasy Creek, and their tributaries in Polk County.

- Closed to fishing on Fridays from Mar 1 - Jun 1 except for state and federal holidays.
- Only one single hook lure or baited single hook is permitted.
- The use or possession of lures or baits with multiple hooks is prohibited.
- Fishing is permitted from one-half hour before official sunrise to one-half hour after official sunset.
- Fishing equipment or tackle is prohibited on the stream banks except during legal fishing hours.

Horse Creek: Greene County, U.S. Forest Service Boundary Line upstream to the junction of Squibb Creek.

- Daily limit: 7 trout per day, except from May 1 - Sep 30 daily limit is 2 trout.

Slickrock Creek: That portion of Slickrock Creek which constitutes the boundary between the states of Tennessee and North Carolina.

- Appropriate licenses from TN or NC are valid.
- Rainbow, brown and brook trout: Daily limit of 4 in combination with a 7-inch minimum length limit.
- Fishing permitted one half-hour before official sunrise to one half-hour after official sunset.
- Only single-hook artificial lures are permitted. Use or possession of bait or multiple hook lures is prohibited. One single-hook artificial lure separated from a legal lure by a length of line (for example, a dropper fly) is also permitted.
- Each angler permitted only one rod or pole.

Dillard Ponds:

- 4 trout per day.
- Each angler limited to one rod or pole.
- Fishing permitted from one half hour before official sunrise to one half hour after official sunset.

Great Smoky Mountains National Park

Most of the streams in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park provide trout fishing opportunities. For detailed fishing information and regulations, contact: Park Headquarters, Gatlinburg, TN 37738; phone (865) 436-1200.

Fort Campbell Military Reservation

Several streams on Fort Campbell Military Reservation including Dry Creek, Little West Fork and Fletcher's Fork are stocked with rainbow and brown trout. Special fishing regulations apply and a Post Fishing Permit is required in addition to a valid Tennessee fishing license and trout stamp. For details, contact the Community Recreation Division, Hunting and Fishing Unit, Fort Campbell, KY 42223-5000; phone (270) 798-2175.



Gatlinburg Trout Fishing

TWRA and the city of Gatlinburg offer a variety of trout fishing opportunities in four streams. All streams are closed on Thursday each week and a Gatlinburg permit is required (page 7). Some areas are managed especially for children 12 and under. For more information contact the Gatlinburg Convention and Visitors Bureau, (800) 568-4748, or the Gatlinburg trout facility at (865) 436-4558.

The taking of trout using a Gatlinburg Permit is allowed only within the designated streams, designated times, and under the restrictions listed in the following paragraphs.

General Streams

- West Prong Little Pigeon River from Park Boundary to Gnaty Branch except those sections set aside as Children's Streams.
- Dudley Creek from Park Boundary to West Prong Little Pigeon River, except those sections set aside as Children's Streams.
- Roaring Fork from the Park Boundary to West Prong Little Pigeon River.
- Leconte Creek from Painter Branch to West Prong Little Pigeon River.

Children's Streams

(May only be fished by children 12 and under, unless otherwise posted.)

- Leconte Creek from Painters Branch upstream to Park Boundary.
- West Prong Little Pigeon River from 100 yards above entrance of Herbert Holt Park downstream to Gatlinburg By-pass Bridge.
- Dudley Creek from Highway 441 Bridge to West Prong Little Pigeon River.

Season and Creel Limits

Fishing permitted year-round, except on Thursday, from one half-hour before official official sunrise to one half-hour after official official sunset. Fishing is permitted with one hand-held rod and single hook only.


From December 1 through March 31 (all streams):

- Possession of any trout shall be prohibited.
- All trout caught must be immediately returned to the water.
- Use or possession of bait is prohibited. Use or possession of any artificial lures other than single hook artificial flies, spinners, and spoons is prohibited. The use of one dropper fly having a single hook which is separated from a legal lure by a length of line is permissible.


From April 1 through November 30:


- General Streams: The creel limit is 5 trout per day. Bait and artificial lures permitted.
- Children's Streams: The creel limit is two per day.
- Total possession limit shall not exceed twice the daily creel limit.
- While fishing or when afield, possession of more than the daily creel limit shall be prohibited, regardless of whether the trout are fresh, stored in an ice chest, in a vehicle, or otherwise preserved.





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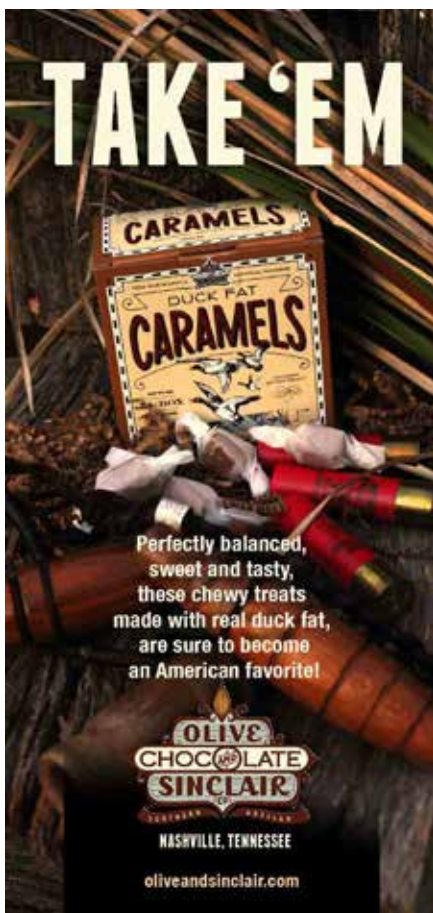
Tellico-Citico Permit Areas	Regulations
<p>TELLICO RIVER from its confluence with Turkey Creek upstream to the Tennessee-North Carolina state line.</p> <p>CITICO CREEK from its confluence with Little Citico Creek upstream to the confluence of North and South Forks of Citico Creek.</p>	<p>Tellico-Citico Permit required March 15 through September 15.</p> <p>Closed on Thursday and Friday during the period March 15 through September 15 (except when national or state holidays fall on Thursday and Friday). From September 16 through March 14 fishing is allowed every day and Tellico-Citico Permit is not required.</p> <p>Daily creel limit of 7 trout, with no size limit.</p> <p>Fishing permitted from ½ hour before official sunrise to ½ hour after official sunset. The possession of fishing equipment and/or tackle is prohibited on stream banks except during legal fishing hours.</p> <p>Each angler permitted only one rod or pole.</p>
<p>GREEN COVE POND</p> <p><i>HANDICAPPED – any person who is mentally impaired or physically impaired (including blindness) because of injury or disease, congenital or acquired, which permanently renders him/her so severely disabled as to be unable to move without aid of crutches or a wheelchair, or a person who has 80% permanent impairment of a hand or arm as determined by a physician using the standards outlined in the “Guide to Evaluations of Permanent Rating,” published by the AMA or other acceptable rating system.</i></p>	<p>Fishing limited to <u>handicapped</u> individuals, children under age 13 and adults 65 years of age and older, and those using the following license types: Type 197 Sport Fishing License for the Blind, Type 189 Wheelchair Hunting and Fishing, Type 198 DAV Hunting and Fishing, Type 199 Mentally Challenged, and Type 169 Intellectual Disability Hunting and Fishing.</p> <p>Tellico-Citico Permit required year-round.</p> <p>Closed on Thursday and Friday year-round (except open on all state and national holidays and scheduled special organized handicapped or children’s fishing events).</p> <p>Hours open – ½ hour before official sunrise to ½ hour after official sunset.</p> <p>Daily creel limit of 7 trout, with no length limit.</p> <p>Bait restriction – no minnows.</p> <p>Each angler permitted only one rod or pole. Use of boats is prohibited.</p>
Wild Trout Streams	Regulations
<p>NORTH RIVER and tributaries (Monroe County).</p> <p>BALD RIVER and tributaries (Monroe County).</p> <p>SYCAMORE CREEK (tributary to Tellico River in Monroe County) and tributaries.</p> <p>LAUREL FORK and tributaries beginning at the cable crossing ½ mile upstream from the USFS Dennis Cove Recreation Area and extending upstream (Carter County).</p> <p>BEAVERDAM CREEK and tributaries from its confluence with Birch Branch downstream to Tank Hollow Road (USFS Rd. 300) (Johnson County).</p> <p>PAINT CREEK and tributaries from USFS campground upstream to USFS Boundary line south of Highway 70 near Munday Gap (Greene County).</p> <p>ROCKY FORK and tributaries upstream of Rocky Fork Rd. and State Park Entrance Rd. junction. (Greene/Unicoi Counties).</p> <p>LEFT PRONG (tributary to Hampton Creek in Carter County).</p>	<p>Daily creel limit of 5 trout with no length limit.</p> <p>Only single-hook artificial lures are permitted. Use or possession of bait or multiple hook lures is prohibited. One single-hook artificial lure separated from a legal lure by a length of line (for example: a dropper fly) is also permitted.</p> <p>Fishing permitted from ½ hour before official sunrise to ½ hour after official sunset.</p> <p>Each angler permitted only one rod or pole.</p>
<p>ALL STREAMS IN CHEROKEE WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA</p>	<p>Each angler permitted only one rod or pole.</p>

Tailwater Trout

TWRA stocks fingerling and adult trout into coldwater tailwaters below dams to provide fishing opportunities. In many tailwaters trout fishing can be good year-round. Trout are stocked routinely during the following months. Use caution below dams. Call TVA at 1-800-238-2264 to check dam discharge and generation schedules.

	River	Below	Trout Species	Stocking Schedule
Region II	Duck River	Normandy Dam	rainbow	November through June*
	Elk River	Tims Ford Dam	rainbow and brown	March through November
	Stones River	J. Percy Priest Dam	rainbow	December through March*
Region III	Caney Fork River	Center Hill Dam	rainbow, brown, and brook	March through December
	Hiwassee River	Apalachian Dam	rainbow and brown	January through December
	Obe River	Dale Hollow Dam	rainbow, brown, and brook	January through December
	Ocoee River	Ocoee Dam #1—Parksville	rainbow	March and April*
Region IV	Clinch River	Norris Dam	rainbow, brown, and brook	March through September
	Holston River	Cherokee Dam	rainbow and brown	November through April
	South Fork Holston River	Fort Patrick Henry Dam	rainbow and brown	March and April
	South Fork Holston River	S. Holston Dam	rainbow	March through September
	Watauga River	Wilbur Dam	rainbow and brown	March through September
	Wilbur Reservoir	Watauga Dam	rainbow	February through June

*Seasonal Fishery - only productive during stocked months.

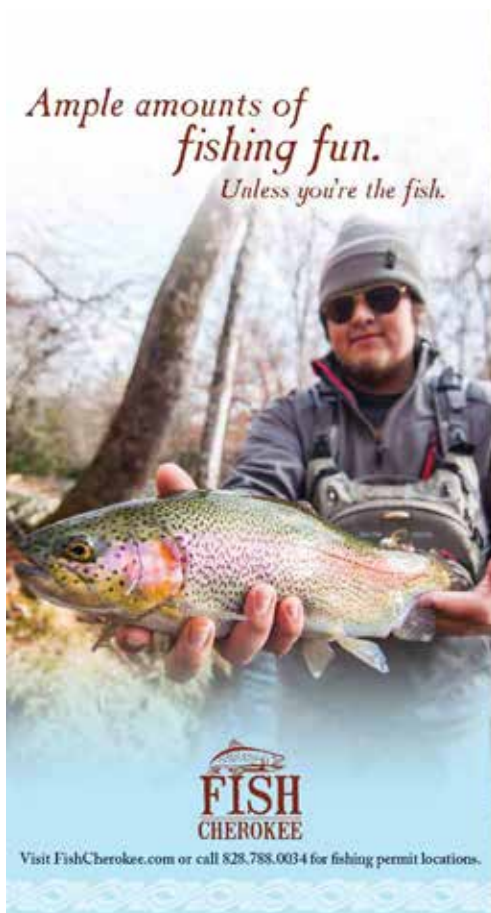


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Cherokee's Memorial Day Trout Tournament
May 22 – 24
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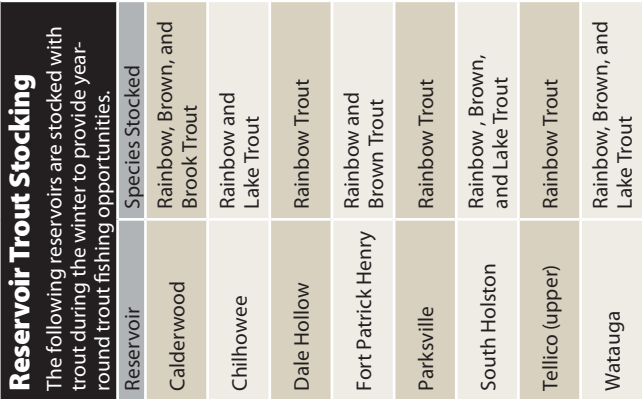
Cherokee's Dog Days Trout Tournament
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The Qualla Country Trout Tournament
September 4 – 6
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Rumble in the Rhododendron Fly Fishing Tournament
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The dates listed are all Sundays. The stocking event will happen within five days after the date listed. Trout will be stocked according to the schedule. However, any stocking event could be postponed or cancelled due to unforeseen problems, such as adverse weather.



REGION III

Winter Trout Stocking

The following locations are tentatively scheduled to be stocked with rainbow trout December through March. The schedule will be posted in November on www.tnwildlife.org.

Location	Town
Cameron Brown Lake	Germantown
Beech Lake	Lexington
Davies Plantation and Yale Rd. Park	Bartlett
Edmund-Orgill Park, Pavilion #3 Pond	Millington
Johnson Park Lake	Collierville
Lake Graham	Jackson
Martin City Pond	Martin
McKenzie City Park	McKenzie
Munford City Park	Munford
Paris City Park	Paris
Shelby Farms, Jones Pond	Memphis
Union City, Reelfoot Packing Site	Union City
Big Rock Greenway	Lewisburg
Cowan City Park	Cowan
Duck River at Fishermen's Park	Shelbyville
Duck River at Riverside Dam	Columbia
East Fork Shoal Creek	Lawrenceburg
Harpeth River	Franklin
J. Percy Priest Tailwater	Nashville
J.D. Buckner Park	Dickson
Kingston Springs Park	Kingston Springs Park
Lafayette City Park	Lafayette
Marrowbone Lake	Joelton
McCutcheon Creek	Spring Hill
Nice Mill	Smyrna
Shelby Bottoms Park	Nashville
Springfield City Greenway	Springfield
Stone Bridge Park	Fayetteville
W Fork Red River, Billy Dunlap Park	Clarksville
West Fork Stones River	Murfreesboro
Athens Rec Park	Athens
Cane Creek Park	Cookeville
Cumberland Mountain State Park	Crossville
Lake Junior	Chattanooga
Pickett Lake	Pickett State Park
Onieda City Park	Onieda

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Johnson	Forge Creek																																			
Johnson	Laurel Creek																																			
Johnson	Beaverdam Creek																																			
Johnson	Upper Roan Creek																																			
Scott	Conservation Lake																																			
Sevier	Mid. Prong Pigeon River																																			
Unicoi	Clark Creek																																			
Unicoi	North Indian Creek																																			
Unicoi	Rocky Fork																																			
Unicoi	South Indian Creek																																			
Unicoi	Spivey Creek																																			

* Check fishing guide – From March 1 to July 1, stream closed to fishing on Fridays. Only single hook lures or bait are allowed.

** Legal fishing hours are from one-half hour before official sunrise to one-half hour after official sunset.

*** From March 15 through September 15, water is closed to fishing on Thursdays and Fridays (except the day of State and Federal holidays) and a daily permit is required.

**** Daily permit is always required. Green Cove Pond will be stocked year-round weather permitting. Closed Thursdays and Fridays year-round (except the day of holidays).

CONTAMINANTS IN FISH

The Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation's (TDEC) Division of Water Resources issues advisories for the consumption of fish from certain Tennessee waters. The following information is subject to change and was copied from TDEC's site. Concerned individuals should visit TDEC's site for more information about these advisories, bacteriological advisories, and tips on how to reduce risks from contaminated fish.

For specific information regarding aquatic contaminants or affected waters, contact:

TDEC's Division of Water Resources Office

(615) 532-0699

www.tn.gov/environment/water/docs/wpc/advisories.pdf

Fish Tissue Advisories (This list is subject to revision.)				
WATERBODY	COUNTY	PORTION	POLLUTANT	COMMENTS
West Tennessee				
Beech Reservoir	Henderson	Entirety (877 acres)	Mercury	Precautionary advisory for largemouth bass.*
Cypress Creek	Shelby	Entirety (7.7 miles)	Chlordane, Other Pesticides, PCBs	Do not eat the fish.
Loosahatchie River	Shelby	Hwy 14, Austin Peay Highway (Mile 0.0 – 17.0)	Chlordane, other Organics, Mercury	Do not eat the fish.
McKellar Lake	Shelby	Entirety (13 miles)	Chlordane, other Organics, Mercury	Do not eat the fish.
Mississippi River	Shelby	MS state line to just downstream of Meeman-Shelby State Park (31 miles)	Chlordane, other Organics, Mercury	Do not eat the fish. Commercial fishing prohibited by TWRA.
North Fork Forked Deer River	Dyer, Gibson	From mouth of the Middle Fork Forked Deer River (Mile 17.6) upstream to State Highway 188 (Mile 23.6)	Mercury	Precautionary advisory for largemouth bass.*
Nonconnah Creek	Shelby	From mouth to Kansas Street (Mile 0.0 – 1.8)	Chlordane, other Organics	Do not eat the fish. Advisory ends at Horn Lake Road bridge.
Wolf River	Shelby	From mouth to Germantown Road (Mile 0.0 – 18.9)	Chlordane, other Organics, Mercury	Do not eat the fish.
Middle Tennessee				
Beech Creek	Wayne	From mouth to origin (Mile 16.7) including Tennessee River Embayment	Mercury	Do not eat the fish. Avoid contact with sediment between Leatherwood Branch and Smith Branch.
Buffalo River	Humphreys, Perry	From mouth upstream to Highway 438 (Mile 31.6)	Mercury	Precautionary advisory for smallmouth bass.*
Duck River	Humphreys, Hickman	From mouth of Buffalo River (Mile 15.8) upstream to Interstate 40 (Mile 31.8)	Mercury	Precautionary advisory for largemouth, smallmouth, and spotted bass.*
Woods Reservoir	Franklin	Entirety (3,908 acres)	PCBs	Catfish should not be eaten.
East Tennessee				
Boone Reservoir	Sullivan, Washington	Entirety (4,400 acres)	PCBs, Chlordane	Precautionary advisory for carp and catfish.*
Chattanooga Creek	Hamilton	From mouth to GA State line (11.9 miles)	PCBs, Chlordane	Fish should not be eaten. Also, avoid contact with water.
East Fork of Poplar Creek and Poplar Creek Embayment	Anderson, Roane	From mouth to New Hope Pond (Mile 0.0 – 15.0)	Mercury, PCBs	Fish should not be eaten. Also, avoid contact with water.
Emory River	Roane, Morgan	From Hwy 27 near Harriman (Mile 12.4) upstream to Camp Austin Road Bridge (Mile 21.8)	Mercury	Precautionary advisory for all fish.*
Fort Loudoun Reservoir	Loudon, Blount	Entirety (14,600 acres)	PCBs Mercury (upper portion only)	Commercial fishing for catfish prohibited by TWRA. No catfish or largemouth bass over two pounds should be eaten. Do not eat largemouth bass from the Little River embayment. Due to mercury, precautionary advisory for any sized largemouth bass from Highway 129 to the confluence of Holston and French Broad rivers (534 acres).*
French Broad River	Cocke	From Rankin Bridge (Mile 71.4) to Hwy 321 near Newport (Mile 77.5)	Mercury	Precautionary advisory for largemouth bass.*
Hiwassee River	Meigs, McMinn, Bradley	From Hwy 58 (Mile 7.4) upstream to the railroad bridge just upstream of U.S. Hwy 11 (Mile 18.9)	Mercury	Precautionary advisory for largemouth bass.*
Holston River	Sullivan, Hawkins	From the mouth of Poor Valley Creek embayment (Mile 89.0) upstream to confluence of the North and South Forks of the Holston near Kingsport (Mile 142.3)	Mercury	Precautionary advisory for all fish.*
Melton Hill Reservoir	Knox, Anderson	Entirety (5,690 acres)	PCBs	Catfish should not be eaten.
Nickjack Reservoir	Hamilton, Marion	Entirety (10,370 acres)	PCBs	Precautionary advisory for catfish.*
Norris Reservoir	Campbell, Anderson, Union, Claiborne, Grainger	Clinch River portion (Powell River embayment not included in advisory) (15,213 acres)	Mercury	Precautionary advisory for largemouth bass, striped bass, smallmouth bass, and sauger.*
North Fork Holston River	Sullivan, Hawkins	VA Stateline (Mile 0.0 – 6.2)	Mercury	Do not eat the fish. Advisory goes to TN/VA line.
Sequatchie River	Marion	From the Tennessee River (Mile 0.0) upstream to State Highway 283 near Whitwell (Mile 22.1)	Mercury	Precautionary advisory for largemouth bass.*
South Holston Reservoir	Sullivan	Portion within Tennessee (7,206 acres)	Mercury	Precautionary advisory for largemouth bass.*
Tellico Reservoir	Loudon, Monroe	Entirety (16,500 acres)	Mercury, PCBs	Catfish should not be eaten.
Watauga Reservoir	Carter, Johnson	Entirety (6,427 acres)	Mercury	Precautionary advisory for largemouth bass and channel catfish.*
Watts Bar Reservoir	Roane, Meigs, Rhea, Loudon	Tennessee River portion (38,000 acres)	PCBs	Catfish, striped bass, and hybrid (striped bass-white bass) should not be eaten. Precautionary advisory for white bass, sauger, carp, smallmouth buffalo, and largemouth bass.*
Watts Bar Reservoir	Roane, Anderson	Clinch River Arm (1,000 acres)	PCBs	Striped bass should not be eaten. Precautionary advisory for catfish and sauger.*

* Precautionary Advisory: Children, women who might become pregnant, pregnant women, and nursing mothers should not consume the fish species named. All other persons should limit consumption of the named species to one meal per month.

METHODS OTHER THAN ROD & REEL

Trotlines, Limblines and Jugs

Trotlines consist of a main line with drop lines to which single hooks are attached. Drop lines must not be closer than 24 inches. Nongame fish, except paddlefish and sturgeon, may be taken without limit. Game fish may be taken according to local limits. There is no limit on catfish, except only one fish may exceed 34 inches. The creel limit for skipjack is 100 fish.

Sportfishing trotlines, limblines and jugs must be tagged and/or marked with the owner's name and address, or TWRA identification number. Trotlines attached to the bank must be tagged on the line within five feet of the bank. Other trotlines must be tagged within five feet of either end, and floating trotlines must be marked on floats. The holder of a sport fishing license may use one or more trotlines not having a combination of more than 100 hooks. Limblines (including yo-yos) must be tagged above water level and are allowed only one hook per line. Sport anglers are limited to 25 limblines. Sport anglers are limited to 50 jugs or blocks and each with only one hook.

Trotlines, limblines and jugs must be run at least once each day and are prohibited within 1,000 yards below any TVA or Corps of Engineers dam. Trotlines may not be set within 100 yards of the mouth of any river, creek or slough.

Exceptions:

- **Allen Branch Pond and Chilhowee (McKamy) Pond in Cherokee WMA:** Closed to jugs and trotlines.
- **Bards Lake on Land Between the Lakes:** Closed to trotlines and limblines. Jugs permitted from Oct 1 - Mar 21.
- **Beech River Watershed Development Authority:** 20 jugs or blocks per boat. Trotlines prohibited.
- **Calderwood:** Trotlines and limblines prohibited.
- **Danville Railroad Bridge Dikes:** Trotlines prohibited within 50 yards of dikes.
- **Indian Boundary Lake:** Closed to trotlines, jugs and limblines.
- **New Johnsonville Steam Plant Harbor:** 10 jugs or blocks per angler. Trotlines prohibited.
- **Norris Reservoir:** From Jan 1 - Apr 30, trotlines, limblines and jugs are prohibited between River Mile 32 (Point 15) and Hwy. 25E Bridge on the Powell River arm and Between River Mile 137 (Point 31) and the Hwy. 25E Bridge on the Clinch River arm.
- **TWRA Lakes:** 10 jugs or blocks per boat daily except, from Apr 1 - Sept 30, jug fishing is not allowed on Saturday, Sunday, Memorial Day, Independence Day and Labor Day. Trotlines and limblines prohibited.

Slat Baskets

Holders of annual sport fishing license, Sportsman License, Lifetime Sportsman License, Jr. Fishing license, Lifetime Senior Citizens license or residents 65 and over (prior to Mar 1, 1991) or under 13 may fish with one slat basket,

provided the slat basket is marked with a metal tag, obtainable from the TWRA for an annual fee of \$8.00. Possession or use of more than one slat basket is prohibited. A slat basket is defined as a device used for taking nongame fish and catfish only. Slat baskets may have only one outside funnel opening and must be made of wood, plastic or cane slats which are placed lengthwise and so constructed that there must be a minimum of four openings in the catching area, each being at least 1½ inches wide and 6 inches long. Fish taken may not be sold.

The slat basket may not be set within 100 yards of the mouth of any river, creek or slough. Slat basket must be checked at least every 72 hours.

Applications for metal tags can be obtained by writing to:

Administrative Services, TWRA, P. O. Box 40747, Nashville, TN 37204. If you are applying in person and need directions to the TWRA central office, call (615) 781-6585.

Grabbling, Giggling, Grab Hooks, Snagging, Tubbing, Archery, Crossbow, Speargun, Dipping and Cast Netting

Season open year round in all waters except:

- a. where closed to fishing or expressly prohibited.
- b. within 100 yards below dams. At Pickwick Dam the closed area extends downstream to the first moorage cell across from ramp.
- c. at John Sevier Steam Plant the discharge channel is closed.

B and C do not apply to cast netting or dipping.

Nongame fish may be taken without limit. Game fish, sturgeon, and alligator gar may not be taken. Catfish, paddlefish, and skipjack may be harvested according to local limits.

Cast nets must be no more than 10 feet in radius with a mesh size no smaller than one quarter inch, and no larger than one inch on the square.

Gigging is prohibited in Bedford, Giles, Hickman, Lawrence, Lewis, Marshall, Maury, and Wayne counties. Snagging, grabbling, grabhooks, tubbing, archery, speargun, dipping, and cast nets are legal methods in these counties.

Gigging is closed on the East Fork of the Obey River and its tributaries from Jan 1 - Apr 30.

Snagging is prohibited year round on the South Holston tailwater (from South Holston Dam to the headwaters of Boone Reservoir), Center Hill Reservoir, and the Cumberland Fossil Plant discharge channel into Barkley Reservoir.

Grabbling, gigging, grab hooks, snagging, tubbing, archery, crossbow, speargun and dipping is prohibited on the following waters from Jan 1 - Apr 30:

- **Dale Hollow Reservoir:** East Fork Obey River and its tributaries.
- **Norris Reservoir:** between River Mile 32 (Point 15) and the Hwy. 25E Bridge on the Powell River arm and between River Mile

137 (Point 31) and the Hwy. 25E Bridge on the Clinch River arm.

- **Elk River in Carter County:** from the Hwy. 321 Bridge downstream to River Mile 3.0 (Point 11) on the Elk River arm of Watauga Reservoir.
- **Doe Creek:** Old Cabin Private Road downstream to Roan Creek.
- **Roan Creek:** Mountain Lakes Estates Bridge downstream to Doe Creek.
- **Watauga River:** NC state line downstream to end of Cowntown Road.



SHOW YOUR SUPPORT With a TWRA License Plate

Money from the sale of specialty plates is available to the TWRA to fund wildlife habitat protection and enhancement programs, provide public hunting and fishing access, support law enforcement efforts and improve youth education projects.

TWRA's smallmouth bass license plate is available at county clerk's offices throughout the state. This plate features a smallmouth bass created by renowned wildlife artist Al Agnew from a print titled "Sunlight on Bronze."

As with other specialty license plates, such as the ones mentioned above, the new smallmouth bass plate will cost \$35.00 above the regular cost of registering a vehicle.

Tennessee First Fish Award



FREE!

The First Fish Award is designed to commemorate that special moment in every boy or girl's life—the landing of their first fish.

The award is an 8.5 x 11 certificate, suitable for framing, identifying the child, the fish caught, and other details of that special moment. Size of the fish and age of the angler have no bearing, only that the fish is their first and that it was caught in Tennessee.

Visit www.tnwildlife.org
or call (615) 781-6575
for further information.

LIVE BAIT

Live Bait Regulations

The following sections explain which species can be used for bait, and how they can be harvested, sold and transported. **Under no circumstance shall live fish or crayfish be intentionally released into Tennessee waters away from the waters from which they were harvested.** These regulations do not apply to bait that is dead. Dead bait can be transported and used without restrictions.

For the purposes of these rules, a sport angler shall be defined as anyone who attempts to take, kill, injure, capture, or catch any sport fish and every act of assistance thereof. A bait dealer shall be defined as anyone engaged in the business of selling or offering for sale any legal species of live bait fish. All bait dealers must purchase a Type 118 (resident) or Type 116 (nonresident) license annually, and make all necessary reports as required to the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency. The harvest and use of bait fish by commercial fishers shall be regulated in the commercial fishing proclamation.

A licensed sport angler (with all required licenses and permits) can harvest game fish (including rainbow trout and sunfish) for use as bait from the wild using legal sport fishing methods. When harvesting game fish, all restrictions in the sport fishing proclamation apply (including creel and length limits, seasons, and license requirements).

Unused bait and invasive plants and animals hitchhiking in bait buckets can ruin your fishing.



**ALWAYS:
DRAIN BAIT BUCKET WATER ON LAND
DISPOSE OF UNWANTED BAIT IN THE TRASH**

www.protectyourwaters.net

SECTION I CLASS A Bait Fish

The following species may be:

1. harvested by licensed sport anglers for use as bait;
2. imported into Tennessee or exported from Tennessee by licensed bait dealers and licensed sport anglers;
3. sold in Tennessee by licensed bait dealers.

There is no possession limit for gizzard shad, threadfin shad, fathead minnow, golden shiner, and goldfish.

Skipjack Herring (creel limit of 100 per day)
Alosa chrysochloris

Gizzard Shad
Dorosoma cepedianum

Threadfin Shad
Dorosoma petenenes

Fathead Minnow
Pimephales promelas

Golden Shiner
Notemigonus crysoleucas

Goldfish
Carassius auratus

Sunfishes*
Lepomis spp.

Rainbow Trout**
Oncorhynchus mykiss

* All species in the genus *Lepomis* may be bought and/or sold subject to the following conditions:

- a. Such fish may be bought and/or sold for bait purposes only.
- b. Such fish bought and/or sold must not be more than four (4) inches in length.
- c. Such fish must have been lawfully taken from privately owned lakes and/or ponds.
- d. Nothing contained herein shall be construed as legalizing the sale of bream taken from any stream or public lake.

** A licensed sport angler may possess rainbow trout 8 inches or less in length without limit for use as bait if purchased from a licensed bait dealer and accompanied by an invoice that was issued by the licensed bait dealer. Such invoices shall be consecutively numbered and must contain the name, license number, and location of the licensed bait dealer; the date of sale or delivery; the number of rainbow trout bought or delivered, and the name and address of the person receiving the rainbow trout. Any person transporting or possessing rainbow trout obtained from a licensed bait dealer for bait must have a copy of this invoice on their person. Rainbow trout larger than 8 inches in length may be purchased by sport anglers and used for bait provided compliance with all sport fishing regulations on the waters being fished (including creel and length limits, seasons, and license requirements).



Skipjack Herring

Jim Negus



Gizzard Shad

Jim Negus



Threadfin Shad

Jim Negus



Golden Shiner

Jim Negus



Goldfish

Jim Negus



Fathead Minnow

Jim Negus



Sunfishes (e.g. Bluegill)

Jim Negus



Rainbow Trout



Dusky Salamander

Jim Negus

SECTION II CLASS B Bait Fish

The following species may be:

1. harvested by licensed sport anglers for use as bait;
2. imported into Tennessee or exported from Tennessee by licensed sport anglers for use as bait.

These species shall not be sold. A licensed sport angler shall possess no more than 100 each of the following species: stonerollers (*Campostoma spp.*), creek chub (*Semotilus atromaculatus*), bluntnose minnow (*Pimephales notatus*), bullhead minnow (*Pimephales vigilax*).



Stoneroller



Creek Chub



Bluntnose Minnow



Bullhead Minnow

SECTION III CLASS C Bait Fish

Bait fish that are not listed in Section I or II above and are not listed by proclamation as endangered, threatened, or in need of management may be harvested by licensed sport anglers for use as bait with the following restrictions:

1. they shall only be used in the water from which they were harvested;
2. they shall not be possessed away from the waters from which they were harvested;
3. they shall not be imported into Tennessee or exported from Tennessee by anyone;
4. they shall not be sold.

SECTION IV Legal Gear for Harvest of Bait Fish

Legal gear types for bait harvest are minnow seines, minnow traps, cast nets, shad trawls, and dip nets.

- **Minnow Seine:** A minnow seine consists of a float and lead line to which netting is attached. A minnow seine shall not be longer than 10 feet and the mesh size shall not exceed $\frac{3}{4}$ inch on the square. Seines must be constantly attended, and may not be fished in a stationary manner.

- **Minnow Traps:** A minnow trap is hereby defined as a device used for the purpose of catching minnows. The mouth opening or openings shall not exceed $1\frac{1}{2}$ inches in diameter. All minnow traps shall be clearly and legibly labeled with owners name and address, or TWRA identification number.
- **Cast Net:** A cast net is defined as a net having a maximum radius of 10 feet and a mesh (square measure) of not less than $\frac{1}{4}$ inch and not greater than 1 inch on the square. Sunfish and trout may not be taken with a cast net.
- **Shad Trawl:** A shad trawl is one having a mesh size no larger than 1 inch, a hoop diameter no larger than 48 inches, and a net length no larger than 72 inches. Only threadfin or gizzard shad shall be taken with a shad trawl and shad trawling is not allowed within 1,000 yards below any dam.
- **Dip Net:** A dip net is a net constructed from natural synthetic fibers, or metal/plastic mesh which is attached to a frame that is attached to a pole.
- **Angling:** Use of line with a hook attached to a bait or lure.

SECTION V Amphibians and Crayfish

Only Northern Dusky and Spotted Dusky salamanders (*Desmognathus fuscus* and *Desmognathus conanti*) and native crayfish species that are not listed by proclamation as endangered, threatened, or in need of management may be harvested without limit by licensed sport anglers for use as bait. Any method, except use of explosives, chemicals, and electroshocking devices may be used to harvest crayfish and salamanders.

Amphibians and crayfish species shall not be sold or purchased for bait. Amphibians and crayfish shall not be imported into Tennessee or exported from Tennessee by anyone for bait. The harvest, use, and possession of crayfish is prohibited in the following streams, in all of their tributaries, and on all adjacent banks:

- Mill Creek in Davidson and Williamson counties
- East Fork Stones River in Cannon County
- Hurricane Creek in Cumberland, Fentress, Overton, and Putnam counties
- Roaring Paunch Creek in Scott County
- South Chickamauga Creek in Hamilton County
- Caney Fork River in Cumberland County
- Robinson Creek, Beason Creek (upstream of confluence of North Fork and South Fork), and Owl Creek (upstream of Highway 142) in Hardin and McNairy counties
- Flint River in Lincoln County

Crayfish harvested from the following streams and their tributaries shall not be possessed away from the watershed from which they were harvested:

- French Broad River and its tributaries
- Holston River and its tributaries
- Clinch River and its tributaries

Crayfish as Food

Crayfish may be taken from the wild according to rules of live bait Section V for food. Wild caught crayfish may not be sold.

DO NOT USE LIVE CARP FOR BAIT

Bighead and silver carp are illegal to possess alive. Shad are legal bait fish.

The easiest way to tell them apart is to look at the dorsal (top) fin. Both shad have a long, threadlike fin that extends toward the tail. Asian carp will not have this thread-like fin.

THREADFIN SHAD

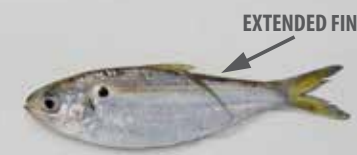


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GIZZARD SHAD

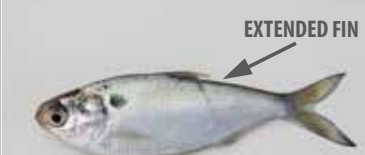


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BIGHEAD CARP



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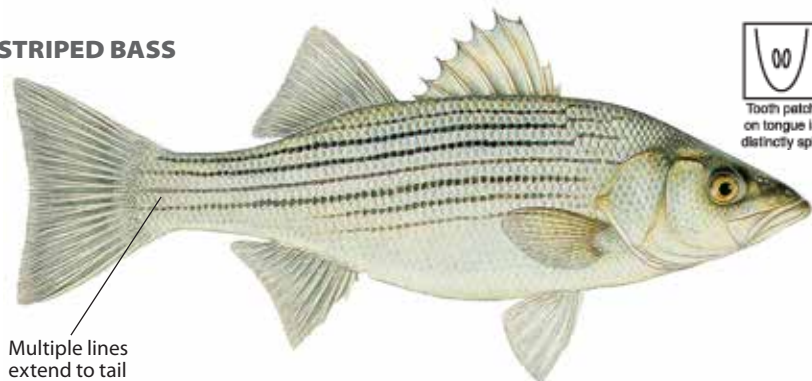
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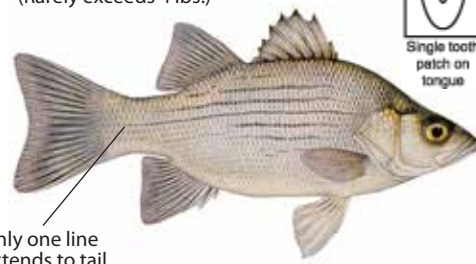
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STRIPED BASS



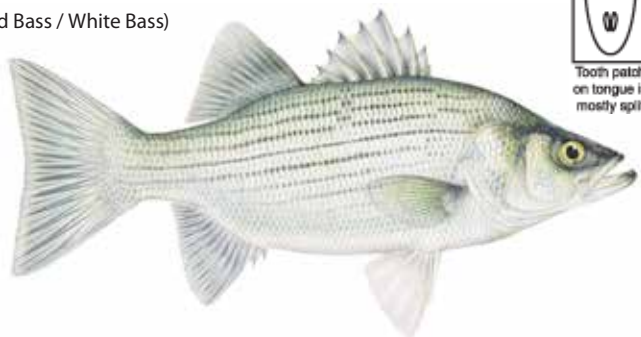
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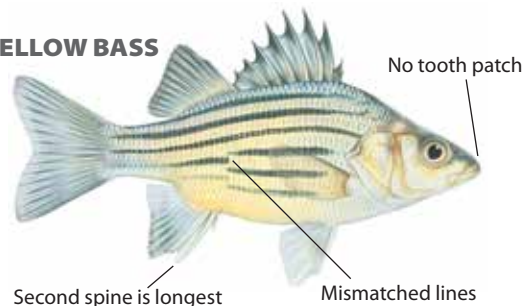


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(Striped Bass / White Bass)



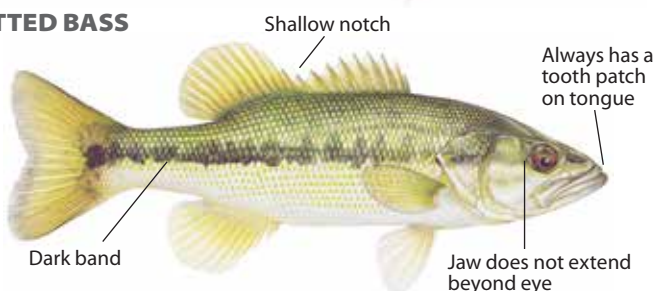
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ROCK BASS or REDEYE



SPOTTED BASS

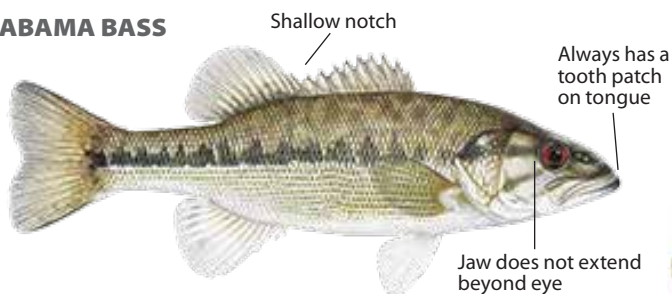


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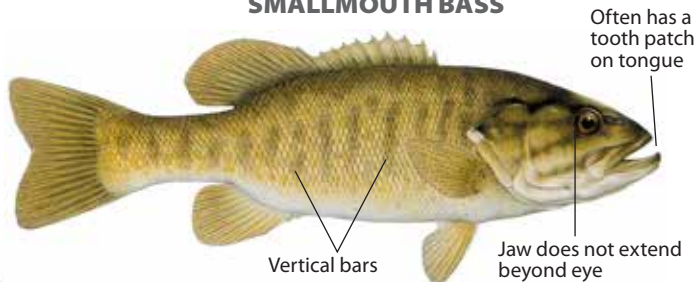


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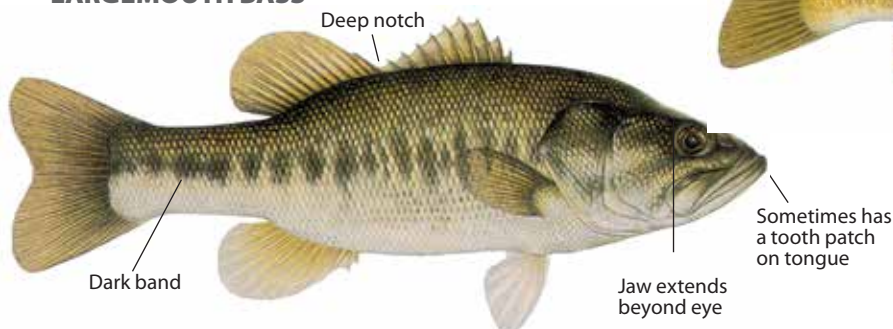
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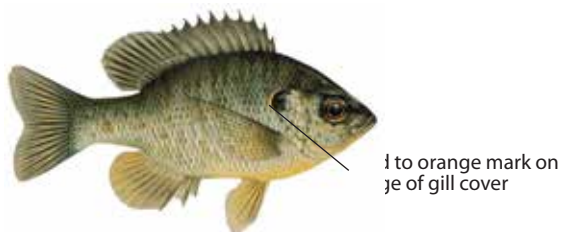


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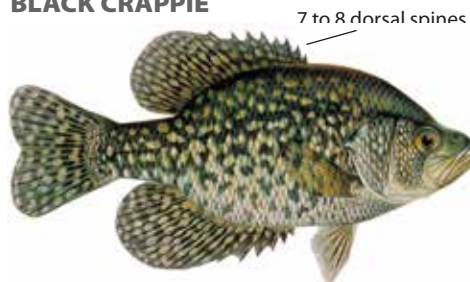


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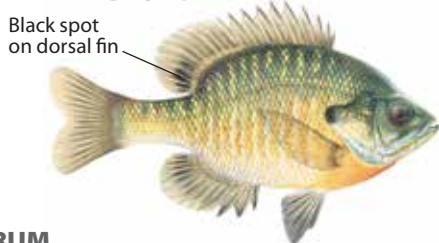
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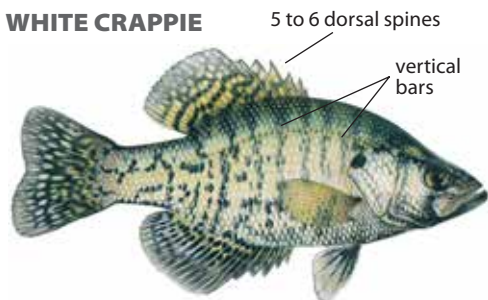
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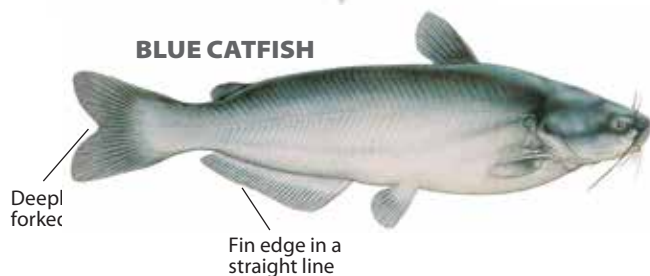
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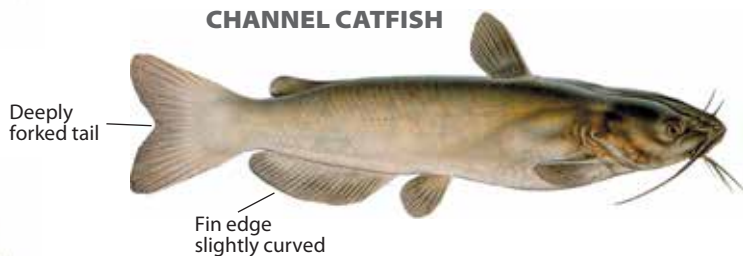
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BLUE CATFISH



CHANNEL CATFISH



FLATHEAD CATFISH



LAKE STURGEON



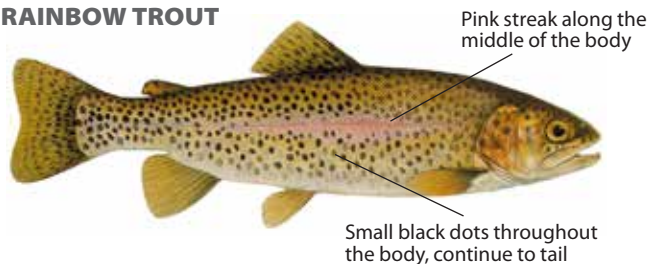
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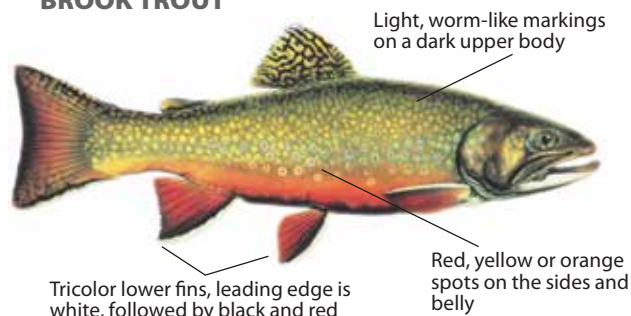
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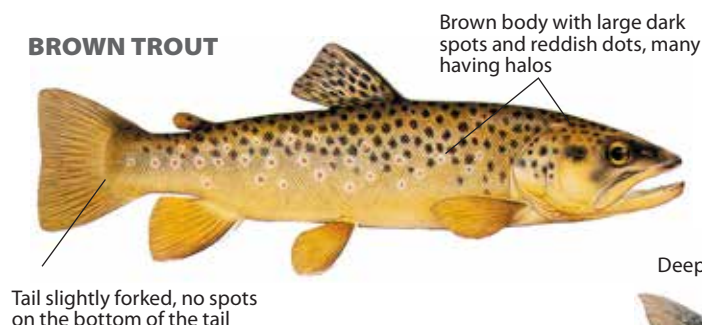
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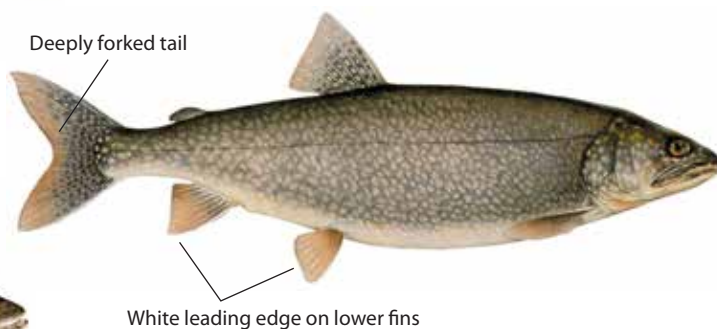
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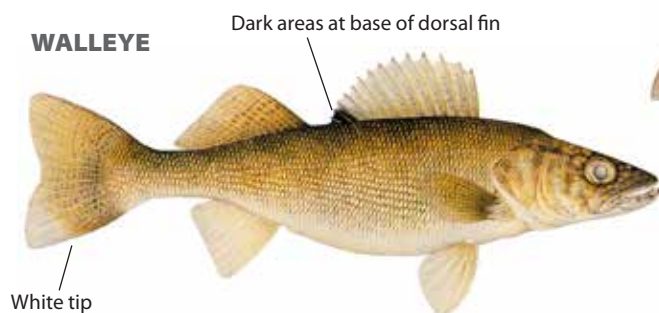
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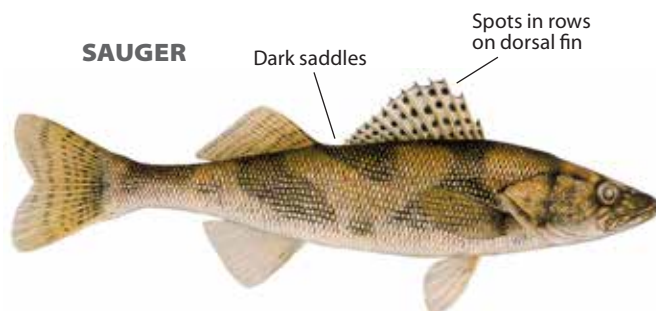
LAKE TROUT



WALLEYE



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YELLOW PERCH



MUSKELLUNGE



GENERAL INFORMATION

NOTICE OF INSPECTION LAW: It is the duty of every person participating in the privileges of taking or possessing wildlife to permit agency officers to ascertain whether the requirements of this title are being faithfully complied with, including the possession of a proper license. It is a violation of law to refuse such inspection or to interfere with an officer attempting such inspection. TCA 70-6-101(b)(1)

Basic Laws and Definitions

- Stocking of any fish or crayfish into public waters is strictly prohibited.
- Explosives, chemicals and electrical shocking devices are strictly forbidden, and their use carries heavy penalties.
- Shooting with any type of firearm or air gun to injure or take fish or turtles is prohibited.
- All boaters and passengers must wear a Coast Guard approved life jacket within the area designated and appropriately marked as a hazardous area below any dam and/or lock.
- It is illegal to take any fish, crayfish or turtle that is listed as endangered, threatened or in-need-of-management.
- It is illegal to sell or offer to sell fish or turtles without a commercial fishing license.

Bait: Any living or dead organism, or prepared substance designed to attract fish by taste or odor. For the purpose of this proclamation bait includes, but is not limited to, fish, fish eggs, crayfish, worms, grubs, crickets, corn, cheese, bread, pork rinds, putty or paste-type products, and flavors or scents applied to or impregnated into artificial lures.

Culling: The removal of a fish from the creel limit and replacing it with another fish of the same species. The released fish must be a live, healthy specimen which should be expected to survive once it is returned to its natural environment.

Gigging: The taking of fish by means of a handheld pole or spear with a tip consisting of a single, sharpened point or one or more sharpened barbed points. This includes, but is not limited to gear known as the Hawaiian sling.

Single hook: A hook with only one point.

Spear gun: Any device designed to propel a spear through water and is drawn or held by a mechanical device.

Reciprocal Agreements

Tennessee has several reciprocal agreements with adjacent states. These agreements have been arranged so that any fishing license from either Tennessee or the corresponding state is valid in the following waters.

Alabama/Mississippi

Pickwick Lake: Applies to anyone with a valid Sport Fishing License from Tennessee, Alabama or Mississippi. Resident anglers of the three states may fish without purchasing a nonresident license anywhere within the boundaries covered by the agreement. The reciprocal area includes all

impounded water from Pickwick Dam upstream to Tennessee River Mile 224.8 at the mouth of Bear Creek but does not include Bear Creek and does not include that portion of Yellow Creek above the Hwy. 25 Bridge. Sport fishing license holders shall abide by the regulations of the state in whose waters they are fishing.

Arkansas

This state agrees to honor either license on the flowing waters of the Mississippi River, adjacent sloughs, bayous and old river runs, which are accessible by boat from the river proper, and the old river chutes forming a common boundary, excluding all wildlife management areas established by either state and the Wolf, Loosahatchie, Hatchie, Forked Deer and Obion rivers. The following common regulations apply:

- **Black Bass:** creel limit 10, no length limit.
- **Bream:** creel limit 50, no length limit.
- **Catfish:** no creel limit, only one per day over 34 inches.
- **Crappie:** creel limit 50, no length limit.
- **Striped Bass and Hybrid Striped Bass:** creel limit 6, no length limit.
- **Sauger:** creel limit 6, no length limit.
- **White Bass:** creel limit 30, no length limit.

All anglers must follow Arkansas regulations governing creel and size limits, trotlines, and other equipment requirements on Ikes Chute, Hopefield Chute, Mosquito Lake, Mound City Lake, Island 40 Chute and Lake Neark.

Kentucky

Dale Hollow Lake: Sportfishing licenses from either state are recognized in Wolf River including Illwill Creek, beginning at a line crossing the Wolf River at its mouth where it joins the Obey River. Creel limits and other regulations of the state where the license was issued apply.

Big South Fork of the Cumberland River: Sportfishing licenses from either state are recognized from Leatherwood Ford Bridge (Hwy. 279) in Tennessee, downstream to the Hwy. 92 bridge at Yamacraw, Kentucky. Creel limits and other regulations of the state where the license was issued apply.

Kentucky Lake: Each state will recognize the sport fishing licenses for the other state on the portion of Kentucky Lake south of the Eggners Ferry Bridge (US 68 & Hwy. 80) in Kentucky and north of the Governor Ned McWherter Bridge (US 79 & Hwy. 76) in Tennessee. This includes all embayments and tributaries within this portion of Kentucky Lake except the Blood River embayment. Blood River embayment shall be defined as a straight line between opposite points where the embayment connects to the main body of Kentucky Lake. A sport fishing license holder from either state may fish from the bank or attach legal sport fishing trot or limb lines in this described portion of Kentucky Lake. Sport fishing license holders shall abide by the regulations of the state in whose waters they are fishing. Wildlife enforcement officials in either

state shall have the right to inspect the licenses, permits, catches and equipment of any person on this portion of Kentucky Lake subject to the laws of either state.

Missouri

Persons possessing a valid sportfishing license in either state may fish in the Mississippi River and its backwaters within the boundaries of the other state and any oxbow lakes through which the Missouri-Tennessee boundary passes. They may fish from or attach any device or equipment to land under the jurisdiction of the other state. Persons licensed in only one state may not fish in the Mississippi River tributaries of the other state. Anglers must comply with the fishing regulations of the state where they are fishing and when fishing where they are not licensed will comply with the most restrictive state's regulation. Persons legally exempted from license requirements of either state are entitled to these privileges and provisions.

Except where it is shown to be elsewhere, the center of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers navigation channel will be the boundary between Tennessee and Missouri.

North Carolina

Sportfishing licenses from either state are recognized in all of Calderwood Reservoir while fishing from a boat and in that portion of Slickrock Creek which constitutes the boundary between the two states. See pages 19 and 30 for regulations on Calderwood Reservoir and Slickrock Creek, respectively.

Virginia

South Holston Reservoir: Tennessee residents may purchase an annual South Holston Reservoir License (Type 063) to fish the VA portion of South Holston Reservoir. Virginia residents can purchase a similar license from VDGLF to fish the TN portion of the reservoir. Anglers that are not TN or VA residents must abide by the state boundary line unless they purchase other appropriate fishing licenses from both states.

A South Holston Reservoir License is valid for all impounded portions of the reservoir below full pool elevation of 1,730 feet, including the confluence of the Middle Fork and South Fork Holston Rivers and the South Fork Holston upstream to the Route 710 Bridge at Alvarado, VA.

In addition to the South Holston Reservoir License, an angler must have whatever licenses that are required to fish in their home state. A valid resident TN trout fishing license or a valid resident VA trout fishing license is required to fish for trout. All anglers shall abide by the laws of the state in which they are fishing as to manner and means of taking fish. Length and creel limits are listed on page 21 of this guide.



STATE RECORDS

TENNESSEE ANGLING RECORDS as of January 1, 2015 CLASS A—Sport Fishing Methods

	COMMON NAME	WEIGHT	LOCATION	ANGLER	DATE
BLACK BASS	Coosa (Redeye) Bass	1 lb., 15 oz.	Parksville Reservoir	Harry E. Parker	August 18, 1991
	Smallmouth*	11 lbs., 15 oz.	Dale Hollow Reservoir	D. L. Hayes	July 9, 1955
	Largemouth	14 lbs., 8 oz.	Sugar Creek (Lawrence Co.)	James "Logue" Barnett	October 17, 1954
	Spotted	6 lbs., 1 oz.	Chickamauga Reservoir	Chris Coleman	February 22, 2011
	Alabama	7 lbs., 0 oz.	Parksville Reservoir	Shane McKee	March 10, 2014
TRUE BASS	Striped Bass (rockfish)	65 lbs., 6 oz.	Cordell Hull Reservoir	Ralph H. Dallas	May 1, 2000
	Cherokee (Hybrid)	23 lbs., 3 oz.	Stones River	Ray Pelfrey	April 17, 1998
	White	5 lbs., 10 oz.	Mississippi River	Bill Nelson	September 29, 2003
	Yellow*	2 lbs., 9 oz.	Duck River (near Waverly, TN)	John T. Chappell	February 27, 1998
TROUT	Brook	3 lbs., 14 oz.	Hiwassee River	Jerry Wills	August 15, 1973
	Brown	28 lbs., 12 oz.	Clinch River	Greg Ensor	August 30, 1988
	Cutthroat	6 oz.	Obey River (Dale Hollow tailwater)	Philip Neyman	June 1, 1969
	Rainbow	16 lbs., 15 oz.	Ft. Patrick Henry Reservoir	Ronnie Rowland	September 6, 2002
	Ohrid*	14 lbs., 5 oz.	Watauga Reservoir	Richard Lynn Carter	March 28, 1986
CRAPPIE	Lake	22 lbs., 2 oz.	Watauga Reservoir	Jack Forbes	July 3, 2008
	Black	4 lbs., 4 oz.	Brown's Creek Lake	Clyde Freeman	March 23, 1985
PERCH	White	5 lbs., 1 oz.	Garner Brown's Pond	Bill Allen	April 20, 1968
	Yellow	2 lbs., 2 oz.	Parkville Lake	Jackie V. Kersey	March 10, 2010
	Sauger	7 lbs., 6 oz.	Kentucky Reservoir (Pickwick tailwater)	Rayford D. Voss	February 19, 1973
	Saugeye	10 lbs., 12 oz.	Melton Hill Reservoir	Chris Vittetoe	July 18, 1998
	Walleye*	25 lbs.	Old Hickory Reservoir	Mabry Harper	August 3, 1960
PIKE	Northern	24 lbs., 8 oz.	South Holston Reservoir	Frank Childers	March 28, 1995
	Muskellunge	42 lbs., 8 oz.	Norris Reservoir	Kyle F. Edwards	April 27, 1983
	Chain Pickerel	7 lbs., 7 oz.	Kentucky Reservoir	Burke Williams	February 2, 1991
SUNFISH	Bluegill (Tie)	3 lbs.	Farm Pond, Bledsoe Co.	Brad Pendergrass	December 19, 1987
	Pumpkinseed	5 oz.	Fall Creek Falls Creek	Thelma Grissom	June 27, 1977
	Green	1 lb., 4 oz.	Dogwood Lake	Lynn Middleton	June 14, 1998
	Longer	13 oz.	North Cross Creek	Dwight M. Lehman	June 8, 1991
	Redbreast	1 lb., 5 oz.	Pond, Overton Co.	Kay Forsberg	May 15, 1985
	Redear	3 lbs., 6 oz.	Holston River	R. W. Gillespie	June 22, 1974
	Rock Bass	3 lbs., 6 oz.	Private Pond	Annelise S. Houston	September 1, 1979
	Warmouth	2 lbs., 8 oz.	Stones River	Bill Sanford	1958
	Flier	1 lb., 12 oz.	Nolichucky River	Frank E. Garrett	May 26, 1984
	Orangespotted	8 oz.	Kentucky Reservoir	Craig Ellis	June 8, 2001
CATFISH	Channel	5 oz.	Nolichucky River	Donald Daryl Fox	May 30, 1982
	Blue	41 lbs.	Fall Creek Falls Lake	Clint Walters, Jr.	July 30, 1982
	Flathead	112 lbs.	Lock C, Cumberland River	Robert E. Lewis	June 7, 1998
BULLHEAD	Black Bullhead	85 lbs., 15 oz.	Hiwassee River	Larry Kaylor	July 25, 1993
	Brown Bullhead	3 lbs., 6 oz.	Emberton's Pond (Cannon Co.)	Hunter Chance Gaither	February 20, 1997
	Yellow Bullhead	3 lbs., 15 oz.	Whiteville Lake	Gary Dean Arthur	October 25, 2014
		4 lbs., 8 oz.	Chickamauga Reservoir	Jessie R. Johnson	April 21, 1979
CARP	Bighead*	90 lbs., 0 oz.	Guntersville Reservoir	Jeffrey J. Rorex	June 2, 2005
	Common	53 lbs.	Marrowbone Lake	John R. Pepper, Jr.	May 21, 1997
	Goldfish	1 lb., 11 oz.	Douglas Reservoir	Scott Hickman	February 17, 2011
	Silver	14 lbs., 13 oz.	Kentucky Reservoir	Timothy D. Mearoy	October 20, 2013
	White Amur (Grass)	70 lbs.	Guntersville Reservoir (Nickajack tailwater)	Chad A. Killian	June 4, 2005
BUFFALO	Bigmouth	62 lbs., 0 oz.	Percy Priest Reservoir	Jeff Wilkins	April 1, 2010
	Black	58 lbs., 0 oz.	Nickajack Reservoir	Steve Coursey	May 20, 2013
	Smallmouth	62 lbs., 7 oz.	Percy Priest Reservoir	Jerry W. Young	April 28, 2001
GAR	Longnose	38 lbs., 3 oz.	Barkley Reservoir	Mathew A. Norton	April 19, 2002
	Shortnose	7 lbs., 3 oz.	Cross Creeks	Stephanie Flood	June 13, 2014
	Spotted	10 lbs., 10 oz.	Cross Creeks	Keith Edward Bartley	April 28, 2014
REDHORSE	Black	3 lbs., 1 oz.	South Fork Holston River	Roy Hawk	February 16, 2009
	Golden	2 lbs., 15.5 oz.	South Fork Holston River	W. Powell Partridge, Sr.	March 28, 2008
	River	11 lbs., 10 oz.	Pigeon River	David H. Ray	May 2, 2009
	Smallmouth	1 lb., 10 oz.	French Broad River	Larry Hamilton	July 27, 2013
	Silver	4 lbs., 8 oz.	Harpeth River	Jimmy A. Filson	June 21, 2008
OTHER	American Eel	5 lbs., 12 oz.	Old Hickory Reservoir	Kelly Rollin Jr.	July 29, 2008
	Atlantic needlefish	1.6 oz.	Pickwick Dam tailwater	J. Wesley Neal	September 20, 2008
	Bowfin	15 lbs., 7 oz.	Reelfoot Lake	Charles Aaron	June 22, 1983
	Paddlefish	95 lbs., 0 oz.	Cherokee Lake	Gene A. Armstrong	April 12, 2014
	Creek Chub	7 oz.	Dillard Pond #2, U. Paint Creek	Jacob Lee Hale	May 10, 2014
	Central Stoneroller (Hornyhead)	10 oz.	Hiwassee River	Roy S. King	May 1, 1983
	Golden Shiner	15 oz.	Chickamauga Reservoir	Dave Littlejohn	March 26, 1999
	Gizzard Shad	3 lbs., 3 oz.	Holston River	Preston H. Taylor III	December 13, 2008
	Skipjack Herring*	4 lbs., 0 oz.	Watts Bar Reservoir	Chris Vittetoe	February 28, 2004
	Goldeye	14 oz.	Cumberland River	Harold A. Sanders	April 17, 1993
	Mooneye	1 lb., 4 oz.	Hiwassee River	Steve D. Moss	May 5, 2005
	River Carpsucker	1 lb., 9 oz.	Pickwick Reservoir	Dr. Jim Youmans	February 28, 1980
	Quillback	5 lbs., 8 oz.	Boone Reservoir	Brandon Hollaway	June 23, 2012
	Spotted Sucker*	3 lbs., 3 oz.	Chickamauga Reservoir	Greg M. Henry	March 9, 2008
	White Sucker	1 lb., 10 oz.	Little War Creek (Hancock Co.)	Jim Habera	April 26, 2007
	Northern Hogsucker	2 lbs., 9 oz.	South Holston River	Roy Hawk	February 16, 2009
	Freshwater Drum*	54 lbs., 8 oz.	Nickajack Reservoir	Benny Hull	April 20, 1972
	Tilapia	3 lbs., 10.5 oz.	Old Hickory Reservoir	Tien Huynh	November 28, 2014

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CLASS B—Methods Other Than Rod and Reel

(a) trotline, (b) limpline, (c) jug, (d) slat basket, (e) grabbling, (f) grab hooks, (g) snagging, (h) tubbing, (i) archery, (j) speargun, (k) dipping, (l) commercial gear, (m) cast net, (n) seine

	COMMON NAME	WEIGHT	LOCATION	ANGLER	DATE
BUFFALO	Bigmouth Buffalo	59 lbs., 7 oz. (i)	J. Percy Priest Reservoir	Brett J. Dennison	May 2, 2013
	Smallmouth Buffalo	68 lbs., 8 oz. (i)	Kentucky Reservoir	Reece Bledsoe Jonathon Bledsoe	April 6, 2013
	Black Buffalo	80 lbs. (a)	Robco Lake (Shelby Co.)	Hiluard J. DeLoach	April 1, 1980
CARP	Bighead Carp	95 lbs. (l)	Kentucky Lake (Eagle Creek)	Billy Roberson	September 3, 2014
	Silver Carp	36 lbs. (i)	Kentucky Lake	CeJae Brown	June 13, 2013
	Bowfin	21 lb., 12 oz. (i)	Cedar Creek	Pat Johns	June 3, 1997
	Common Carp	52 lbs., 14 oz. (i)	Nickajack Reservoir	Allen Kimsey	June 24, 2002
REDHORSE	River Redhorse	11 lb., 6 oz. (f)	West Fork of Obey River	John Mark Keisling	April 28, 2007
	Black Redhorse	3 lbs., 10 oz. (a)	Chilhowee Reservoir	Lewis Winters	October 26, 2007
CATFISH	Flathead Catfish	92 lbs. (l)	Mississippi River	Kenneth A. Childress Jackie W. Stafford Jerry L. Stafford	November 30, 2000
	Channel Catfish	12 lbs., 14.4oz (b)	Hiwassee River (Bradley Co.)	Jolene Watson Justin Watson	September 8, 2014
	Blue Catfish	130 lbs. (l)	Ft. Loudoun Reservoir	J.C. Garland Bill Norman Richard Reagan	December 18, 1976
BULLHEAD	Black Bullhead	3 lbs., 14 oz. (k)	Lakeland Trout Farm	David Tait	June 18, 1982
	Brown Bullhead	3 lbs, 4 oz (c)	Whiteville Lake	Gary Dean Arthur	October 25, 2014
	Yellow Bullhead	0 lbs., 9 oz. (c)	Beaver Creek (Knoxville)	Dan Pluff	September 17, 2013
GAR	Longnose Gar	40 lbs., 0 oz. (i)	Chisholm Lake	Jimmy D. Buckner	April 20, 2014
	White Amur	78 lbs. (i)	Nickajack Reservoir	Allen Kimsey	May 19, 2001
	Short Nose Gar	8 lbs., 4 oz. (i)	Chickamauga Reservoir	Scott Simmons	April 15, 1984
	Spotted Gar	12 lbs., 0 oz. (i)	Reelfoot Lake	Jim Ulerick	April 14, 2013
OTHER	Freshwater Drum	25 lbs., 7 oz. (i)	Nickajack Reservoir	Allen Kimsey	April 23, 2002
	Quillback	3 lbs., 8 oz. (i)	Obion River (Hop-in)	Travis Reaves	August 2, 2014
	River Carpsucker	4 lbs., 4 oz. (i)	J. Percy Priest Reservoir	Jeremy Bozza	May 5, 2014
	Gizzard Shad	3 lbs, 3 oz	Holston River	Preston H. Taylor III	December 13, 2008
	Skipjack Herring	1 lb., 6 oz. (l)	Cypress Creek	Mike Tolley	May 6, 1984
	Paddlefish	120 lbs. (g)	Center Hill Res. (Bluehole)	John T. Johnson	March 23, 1982
	Central Stoneroller	5 oz. (g)	Doe River	Rex Timbs	November 6, 1997
	Spotted Sucker	2 lbs., 10 oz. (i)	Ky. Lk.-Standing Rock Creek	Christopher Todd	July 26, 1996
	Northern Hogsucker	1 lb., 10 oz. (i)	Ky. Lk.-Standing Rock Creek	Dale E. Brooks	Aug 9, 1996
	American Eel	2 lbs., 5 oz. (c)	Kentucky Lake (Big Sandy)	Timothy D. Mcaroy	October 14, 2013

*Recognized All-Tackle World Record

How To Be Considered For A State Record Fish

The following criteria must be followed when applying for a state record certificate:

1. To be considered for a state record certificate, the fish must be weighed on a certified scale. These scales may be found at supermarket meat centers or at TWRA Regional Offices.
2. Two witnesses, one of which must be the scale operator/ owner, must sign the application certifying that they have observed the declared weight.
3. Only species recognized by the International Game Fish Association (IGFA) will be considered for Tennessee state record certification. These are available at <http://www.igfa.org>.
4. Ties are accepted, but a new state record will be recognized only if the weight of the fish is 1 oz. or more than the weight of the previous state record for that species or recognized hybrid.
5. It is the responsibility of the fisherman to contact a TWRA fisheries biologist for positive identification of the fish. The fish must be alive, fresh or frozen until positive species identity can be established.
6. Only two hybrid classifications, the striped bass/white bass (Cherokee bass) and the walleye/ sauger (Saugeye), will be considered for state record classification. Applicants must be willing to submit to the professional judgment of the certifying biologist as to the fish's hybrid status. A photograph is not acceptable for identification.
7. TWRA reserves the right to conduct genetic testing on any fish submitted as a state record to verify its species or hybrid status.
8. The completed application must be forwarded to the TWRA Fisheries Management Division within 30 days of the catch in order to be considered for a state record certificate.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. **If I am casting from my own property while I fish, do I need a fishing license to fish in a public lake or reservoir?** Yes. You do not qualify for a landowner exemption because you do not own the waterbody that you are fishing.
2. **Can I stock fish?** No! Releasing fish or any other animal into a stream, river or reservoir can irreversibly ruin the fishing in that location. It is easy to imagine how an exotic species released from an aquarium could harm our native fish populations. But even the release of species such as a bass that might already live in that water body could introduce harmful viruses or diseases. For this reason only TWRA has the authority to stock public waters which includes all streams and rivers, and all public lakes and reservoirs. It is illegal to stock the waters of Tennessee, and only privately owned ponds may be stocked without TWRA approval.
3. **Can I clean/dress my fish in any way, while on the water?** It is unlawful to possess while afield any fish which has been altered to the extent that its species and/or total body length cannot be determined.
4. **Do I need a trout license if I do not plan on keeping trout?** If you are fishing for trout, you need a trout license whether or not you possess trout.
5. **Do I need a fishing license to fish a private farm pond?** Yes, unless you are not required to have a license under a landowner, age, or military exemption. See "Who Must Have a Tennessee License" section on page 9.
6. **What licenses are required to fish on Wildlife Management Areas (WMAs)?** No license is required if you are under the age of 13, or are military personnel on furlough with papers. Otherwise, you only need the proper fishing license. Generally there are no special WMA licenses required. However, a Tellico-Citico permit is required for all ages on certain waters within the Cherokee National Forest (Cherokee WMA). In addition, certain WMAs are periodically closed.
7. **As I was cleaning a fish, I noticed a black, white or yellow grub or worm in them. What are these and are the fish safe to eat?** These are small parasites that are referred to as Trematodes. Commonly known as black spot, yellow grub and white grub, they are very common in many fish species in Tennessee and worldwide. The parasites have a complex life cycle that involves fish, fish-eating birds and other invertebrates such as snails. While the appearance may be unappetizing, fish that are cleaned and completely cooked cannot transmit any parasite or disease to people who eat the fish. The parasites usually do not affect the health of the fish except under unusual conditions.
8. **What is a thermocline and what effect does it have on reservoir fish populations?** As the surface water warms in the late spring, a distinct temperature gradient is formed between the warm surface water and the cool water below. This thermocline does not allow the cold water to mix with the warm, oxygenated water above. The cold water slowly loses oxygen due to the decay of organisms and lack of photosynthesis. In certain reservoirs, the cold water loses enough oxygen during the summer that it can no longer support certain cool water species like striped bass.
9. **When do our reservoirs "turn over"?** Northern reservoirs experience a spring and fall "turn over," but our lakes destratify only in the fall. It occurs when the surface water cools sufficiently to mix with the cold water below. Prior to the cooling period, the warm surface water cannot mix with the denser water below because of thermal stratification (see the previous question).
10. **What are those jelly-like masses that are attached to tree limbs, bushes and other objects in the water?** They are colonies of harmless microscopic animals called Bryozoans. They have miniature tentacles to capture prey and are permanently attached to the colony mass. Large colonies can exceed two feet in diameter, but most are less than one foot.

TENNESSEE ANGLER RECOGNITION PROGRAM

The Tennessee Angler Recognition Program (TARP) gives anglers an opportunity to have their trophy-size fish recognized by the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency. Anglers of any age, who catch large fish that meet or exceed qualifying lengths, can apply. The TWRA Fisheries Management Division sends these accomplished anglers TARP certificates featuring color reproductions of fish artwork by renowned wildlife artist Joseph R. Tomelleri.

The program is designed to acknowledge anglers for outstanding sportfishing accomplishments, to encourage catch and release of trophy size fish and to provide the TWRA with information on large fish caught throughout the state. Not to be confused with the State Record Fish program, TARP recognizes anglers who catch trophy fish that are not necessarily state records.

Trophy Fish/Master Angler Certificates



TARP features five levels of angler recognition. Anglers catching a fish that meets or exceeds the minimum "trophy" length requirements will receive a

Trophy Fish certificate. These certificates feature artwork representing the species caught by the applicant. After anglers submit five trophy-size fish, in any combination, a Master Angler Level I certificate and patch will be awarded at no cost to the angler.

Anglers submitting five different trophy-size fish will receive a Master Angler Level II certificate and patch. The Master Angler Level III will be awarded to anglers submitting ten different trophy-size fish.

In addition to a certificate and patch, the angler will receive a "tackle package," courtesy of Bass Pro Shops (Kodak, TN). The newest level, Master Angler IV will be awarded to anglers submitting fifteen different trophy fish. The award will consist of a certificate, patch and an engraved trophy.

How Do You Qualify?

- The fish must meet or exceed the minimum Trophy Fish Length listed on the right of this page.
- Persons 13 years of age and older must be licensed anglers and must provide their license number (TWRA #) on the application.
- The fish must be caught legally (in accordance with Tennessee Sportfishing Regulations) in Tennessee waters, by sportfishing methods only (rod and reel or cane pole).
- The length of the fish must be verified by either a witness or a photograph. The witness must complete the section on the application and/ or the photo must be of the fish lying flat on top of or beside a flat measuring rule or tape and included with the application. Be aware that photos may be used on the TWRA web site and in TWRA publications.

If you believe your catch exceeds the current state record for that species, you should immediately contact a TWRA Fisheries Biologist for positive identification of the fish (see page 45).

How Do You Apply?

An application form is located below. Complete one application form for each fish you are registering. You may include more than one application form per envelope. If the fish length is being verified by photo, the picture must be enclosed with the application. For Trophy Fish Certificate only, a \$5.00 processing fee, per application, must also be enclosed **and mailed**

within 90 days from the date of catch. Make check or money order payable to TWRA and mail, with the application(s), to the address at the right of the application. The processing fee is non-refundable for non-qualifying applications. For further information about TARP or the State Record Fish program, call (615) 781-6575, or visit www.tnwildlife.org.

Measuring Your Fish

Please refer to the instructions on page 10.

Minimum Trophy Fish Lengths

Species	Length (inches)
Largemouth Bass	22
Spotted Bass	18
Smallmouth Bass	20
Striped Bass	40
Hybrid Striped Bass (Cherokee Bass)	28
White Bass	18
Black Crappie	14
White Crappie	14
Bluegill	10
Redear Sunfish	11
Rock Bass	10
Sauger	20
Walleye	28
Yellow Perch	11
Muskellunge	40
Brook Trout	10
Brown Trout	26
Rainbow Trout	24
Lake Trout	28
Channel Catfish	30
Blue Catfish	34
Flathead Catfish	34
Common Carp	34
Freshwater Drum	28

TROPHY FISH APPLICATION FORM

FORMA MUST BE FILLED OUT COMPLETELY. PLEASE PRINT.

Angler's name: _____ Phone number: (____) _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Age of applicant: _____ Do you qualify for a Master Angler Award? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Fishing license number (TWRA #): _____

DATE CAUGHT: _____

Was the fish released? ☐ Yes ☐ No

FISH INFORMATION:

Body of water where caught: _____

Type of Water: ☐ Pond ☐ Reservoir/Lake ☐ River/Stream

County: _____ Length of fish (to nearest 1/4 inch): _____

KIND OF FISH (SPECIES): _____

Bait: ☐ Natural ☐ Artificial

Length certification: (A or B)

A. Witness signature: _____ Phone number: (____) _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

B. Photo: Print your name, birth date, and fish species on back of photo and enclose with application.
Photos become property of TWRA and are not returned. Photos may be used in publications.

(Angler sign here) I, _____ hereby affirm that the above information is true and in taking this fish I complied with all state fishing regulations and rules of the Tennessee Angler Recognition Program and that the witness actually witnessed the measuring of the fish and/or the photo is accurate and was not altered in any way.

WR-0831

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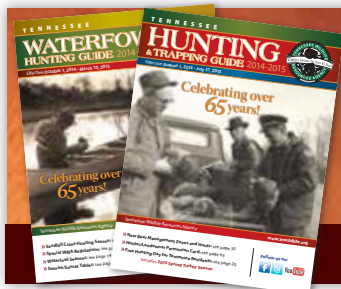
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TURTLES



A sport fishing license is required and only the common snapping turtle may be taken. Turtles taken by sport fishing methods may not be sold. Shooting with any type of firearm or air gun is prohibited.

Common snapping turtles may be taken by all legal sport fishing methods except archery, spearguns and dipping. Daily limit is 5 with a minimum legal length of 12 inches—length is determined by measuring the upper shell in a straight line from the scute directly behind the turtle's head (nuchal scute) to the base of the notch where the two most posterior scutes meet. Sport fishermen may also take snapping turtles by the use of up to three turtle trap nets, with minimum net size of three inches on the square in Benton, Carroll, Chester, Crockett, Decatur, Dyer, Fayette, Gibson, Hardeman, Hardin, Haywood, Henderson, Henry, Houston, Humphreys, Lake, Lauderdale, McNairy,

Madison, Obion, Perry, Shelby, Stewart, Tipton, and Weakley counties. Each net must be marked with the owner's name and address or TWRA Identification Number. Each net must be set so that a portion of the catch area is above the water. John Tully WMA and Cove Lake State Park are closed to all sport methods for turtle harvest.

No turtle may be possessed while afield which has been altered to the extent that its species or length cannot be determined.



Attention Anglers

The Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency is conducting an alligator snapping turtle restoration project in West Tennessee which involves the release of live alligator snapping turtles. Both adult and juvenile turtles have been released to restore this rare, native species. Alligator snapping turtles are listed in Tennessee as In Need of Management and are illegal to take.



Alligator Snapping Turtle

- Alligator snapping turtles have three large prominent ridges along the back, a large head, and a prominently hooked beak.
- They often reach weights in excess of 30 pounds.
- Alligator snapping turtles have an extra row of scutes (scales) between the outer scale row and the large center scales.



Common Snapping Turtle

- Common snapping turtles have a smoother, rounded shell (especially as adults) without the three ridges, and a smaller head and weakly hooked beak.
- Rarely exceeds 30 pounds.
- Common snapping turtles do not have the extra row of scutes (scales) between the outer scale row and large central scales.

For more information or to report sightings of alligator snapping turtles, contact TWRA at (731) 423-5725, or write to 200 Lowell Thomas Dr., Jackson, TN 38301

Tennessee's Lake Sturgeon Project

Lake sturgeon are a primitive species that can grow to eight feet in length, weigh up to 300 pounds, and live 150 years. Since 2000, over 181,000 lake sturgeon have been stocked into the French Broad and Holston rivers near Knoxville and the Cumberland River near Nashville. These stocking efforts are part of a long-term program designed to restore reproducing populations of this primitive species to Tennessee waters. This species is known to travel long distances, so it is very likely that anglers could catch lake sturgeon in waters of the state other than where they were stocked. Angler reports are important to TWRA because they provide important movement and growth information needed to monitor the success of Tennessee's lake sturgeon reintroduction program.

Since 2006, 291 anglers have reported catching a sturgeon.

If you catch a lake sturgeon, please be as careful as possible not to harm the fish—avoid holding lake sturgeon by their tails and remember that fish cannot breathe while they are out of the water. Lake sturgeon are endangered in Tennessee and should be released immediately. If possible, note an approximate length before the fish is released. Additionally, TWRA would appreciate a picture of your lake sturgeon catch if you can take one without harming the fish.



In appreciation of your report, TWRA will issue you a numbered Lake Sturgeon Certificate (above) that features a color reproduction of a lake sturgeon drawn by renowned wildlife artist Joseph R. Tomelleri.

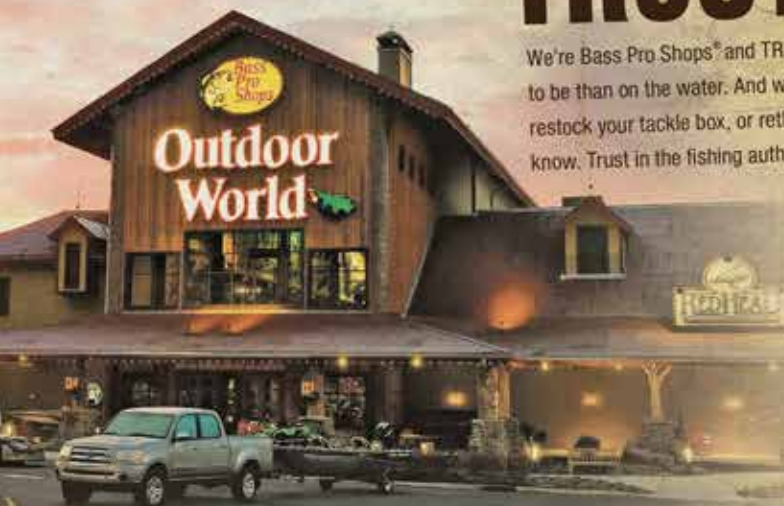
If you catch a lake sturgeon please call the toll free number for your regional office (see page 7 of this fishing guide) or the Fish Management Division at (615) 781-6575.

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